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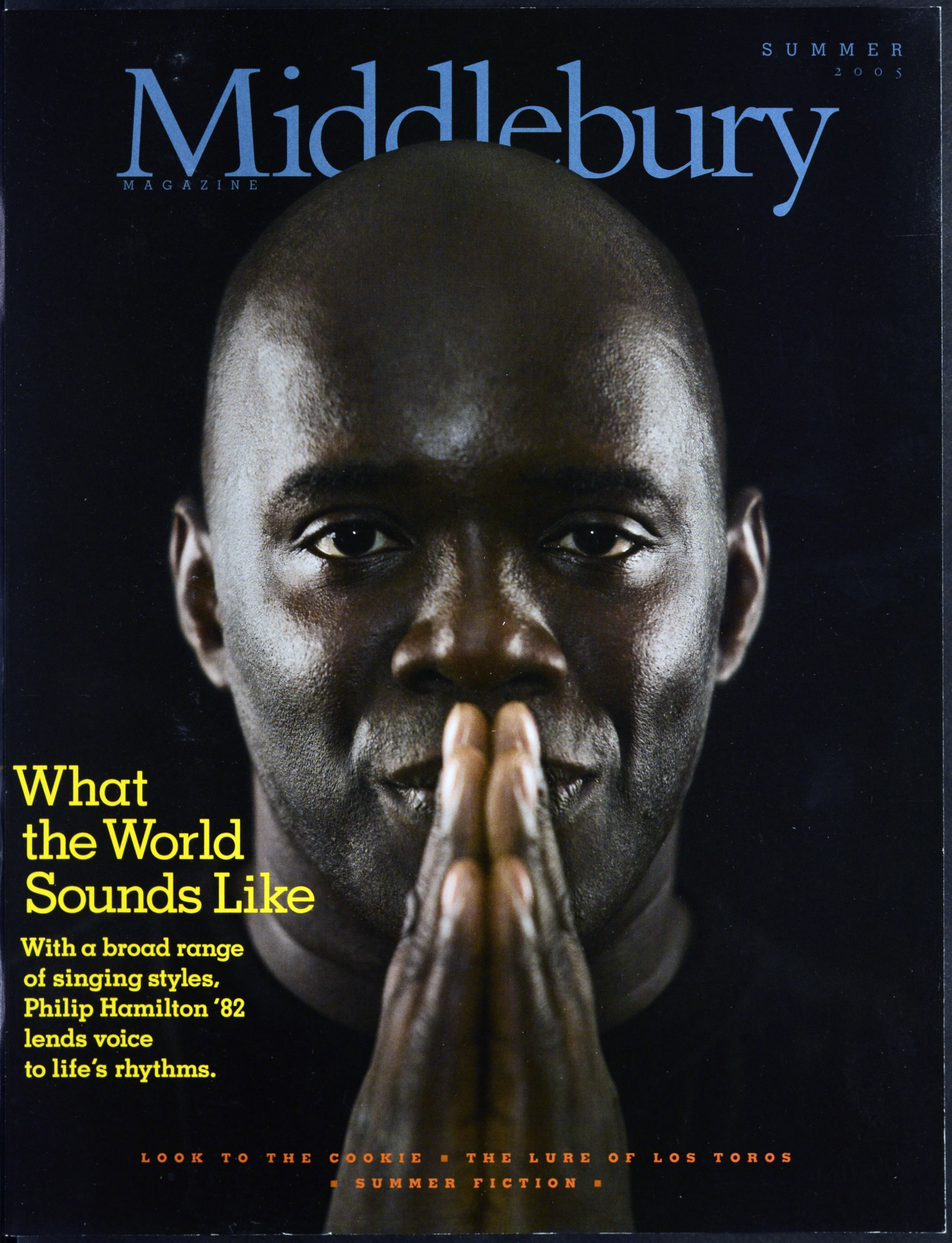

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The Big Picture

A new documentary captures the essence of Peter Kohn

The Senator Theatre in Baltimore, Maryland, is one of those historic movie houses that has survived the onslaught of cineplex homogenization. As multiplexes with 25 screens sprout on urban street corners and in suburban strip malls across the nation, freestanding theaters from the 1930s and '40s—though few and far between—maintain a cult following in their communities, and the Senator is no exception. Favored sons of the Charm City, such as Barry Levinson and Edward Norton, have chosen to premiere their films at the Senator, and in late April another of Baltimore's own saw his name up on the marquee, spelled out in giant red letters: *Keeper of the Kohn*, starring Myron "Peter" Kohn.

Inside the Senator, a near-capacity crowd was just getting settled when the lights dimmed. Kohn—clad in a yellow cable-knit sweater, khakis, and docksiders and sporting a blue U.S. Lacrosse hat—had chosen a seat along the aisle, near the back of the theater. He was munching popcorn by the handful, but paused at the film's beginning when the words "Peter Kohn is a legendary figure in the sport of lacrosse" flashed on the screen. Turning to his right, he asked the person sitting next to him: "Am I?" Those two sentiments—the film's bold statement and Kohn's humble reaction—perfectly illustrate who Peter Kohn is and why we should care.

Believed to be autistic, Kohn has served as a field manager for lacrosse teams for more than half a century, the last 25 years of which have been spent on the sidelines at Middlebury. He is an extended family member for generations of Midd athletes, and for decades he has influenced their lives in ways they never could have imagined.

Tracing Kohn's last year as the Panthers' official manager in 2003, the film by David Gaynes beautifully captures the essence of Peter Kohn, a selfless person with a sharp mind and an uncanny tendency for offering profound sentiments at just the right moment. Originally, the documentary was intended to climax with the men's lacrosse team's attempt to win its fourth-consecutive national title (because it's a documentary, life intercedes, and several other story lines tug at the heart strings and serve as the film's true climax). As any Panther fan can tell you, Middlebury fell to Salisbury in overtime that year. Yet it was this heartbreaking loss that set up—in my mind, at least—the story's defining moment.

The scene has shifted from a post-game locker room full of sullen players with tear-stained faces to the interior of a chartered bus that has started to make the long trek back to campus from Baltimore. Kohn stands in the back, surrounded by players who, just hours before, had left their championship dreams—and, one would think, their hearts—on the turf of Ravens Stadium. But then a funny thing happens.

Someone asks Kohn if he would lead the team in a singing of "I've Been Working on the Railroad"—a favored tradition among the players and their field manager. It's when these supposedly devastated 18–22-year-olds are belting out the song's chorus at the tops of their lungs, clapping with glee, that you realize all that Kohn has meant to Middlebury.

Thank you Jim Grube for bringing Peter to campus nearly 25 years ago. And thank you David Gaynes for bringing Peter's story to the world. —*MJ*

For more information on the film, please see *www.keeperofthekohn.com*.

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A Grave Error

I graduated from Middlebury College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American literature in 1982. I have always been proud that Middlebury distinguished this discipline from others, such as English and American studies, and have valued that particular perspective in my life and in my career. I am deeply saddened that I will no longer be able to point to this distinction and that American literature will cease to exist as a separate major.

I have written several letters to the administration on this subject and understand that trying to fight this decision is now a moot point. However, I have a seven-year-old son, and I think quite a lot about the future and what it might hold for him. It would be my wish that he could know professors such as John McWilliams and Stephen Donadio, who affected my intellectual development and ultimately my life in such profound ways. It would be my wish that he could be taught how to think, analyze, and love the literature whose roots are inseparable from the very beginnings of this country and which continue to run through the worst and best moments of our collective history.

Our world is fraught with war and strife, fear of difference, and intolerance of other points of view. In my opinion, there has never been a more important time for Americans, particularly students who will one day be leaders in public service and business, to examine themselves through the voices of their writers, poets, and activists.

Change is never easy and not necessarily a bad thing at times. In this case, I think Middlebury has made a grave error. It disappoints me to think of those future students who will never have the same experiences that I did. I don't think that I will ever be able to consider the place in quite the same way again.

Susan N. Fleishman '82
Los Angeles, California

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Pleased by Merger

I compliment you on your magazine. It is excellent—readable, beautifully edited, excellently illustrated.

The present proposal to combine the English and American literature departments ("To Merge or Not to Merge," spring 2005) interests me very deeply. I taught writing courses at Middlebury, as part of the English department, for 23 years. I have a doctorate from Yale in American studies, with a literature concentration. My dissertation was on James Fenimore Cooper, an early major and seminal American novelist, some of whose characters live today. I was trained to teach American literature in light of art and history contemporaneous to the work being studied. Yet in my 23 years on the Middlebury faculty, I was not allowed to teach even one American literature course. The department was so terrified that it might be swallowed up by the English department that no application by me, or even Old Chapel, could allow me to teach an Am Lit course. Therefore, I am wholly in favor of the combination of the two departments.

John H. Clagett
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The writer is a professor emeritus of English at Middlebury

Now, Nothing's Special

Thank you for making us aware of the current controversy surrounding the merging of the American literature and English departments ("To Merge or Not to Merge," spring 2005). Your opening sentence poses an interesting question, but unfortunately, not the right question. You ask, "Should Conrad and Cather, Milton and Melville live under a collective roof at Middlebury?" The answer is, of course, they *should* be understood and appreciated by literature students at the College. But the right question is, *can* we expect students to understand and appreciate such a vast array of different authors, books, genres, themes, and political and historical contexts in any meaningful way? The answer, I'm afraid, is probably not.

As one of many Am Lit majors who chose Middlebury based on its distinction of offering Am Lit in its own department, I was so grateful to be able to narrow the vast world of literature into a subcategory—American—that I truly loved and wanted to study above all others. Strange as it sounds, students need some sort of focus, and a "wider context" will only make it tougher for students to find the important themes and concepts in American literature. As I'm sure Professor McWilliams has emphasized, it is a body of work that can and should be appreciated on its own terms and merits. This in itself is a massive undertaking. But to then add it to the even vaster realm of English literature will result in a dilution of focus for the student, who already faces a reading list several hundred titles long—in either department.

However, the saddest thing is not that huge reading list—the lists have always been too long, that's nothing new—but that Middlebury is giving up yet another

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feature that makes it unique. My major was a huge part of why I loved the College. But speaking objectively, there is a compelling intellectual justification for having Am Lit be separated from English, and in my opinion it's a healthy separation worth preserving. Middlebury should be strong enough to stand against challenges "in the national field." Like many alumni, I cringe when changes like this are made. Middlebury's just becoming more and more like everyone else.

Jennifer Normandin Locke '93
Boston, Massachusetts

The Destructive Truth

The title of the article on the proposed elimination of the American literature department, "To Merge or Not to Merge," provides a facile variant on Hamlet's soliloquy while cloaking the destructive truth. A beneficial merger occurs only when two units each give up something in order to create a larger unit better than either of its components. In this instance, however, the English department will give up nothing. American literature, by contrast, will give up its long-standing curriculum—the comprehensive sequence of American texts—required for the major, that has been made available every year for some 80 years to the entire student body. If these ill-considered changes are implemented, English department offerings will be expanded numerically, but the comprehensive, historical study of American literature will most certainly be gutted. Middlebury's future students, whatever their major, will be the losers. Even a major in the new department will be cheated; no one specified American

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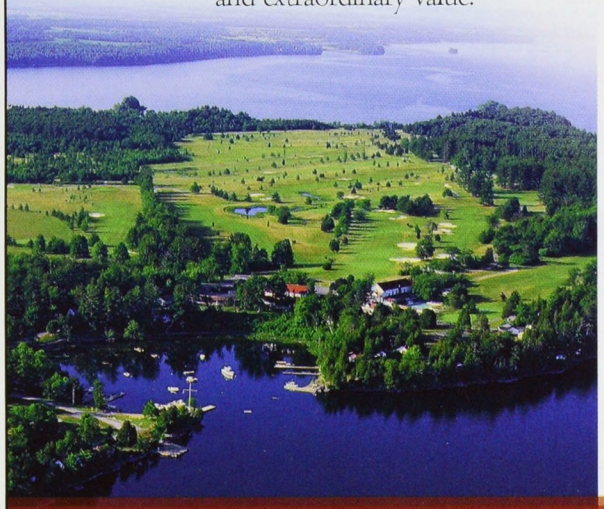
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author, and no specified American text will be required for a student to graduate with a major in "English and American literatures."

At a time when America's role in the world has become ever more pivotal, why should Middlebury wish to de-emphasize the study of American literature in order to reduce it to one component of "Anglophone" literature? According to the proposed catalogue copy for the new department, American literature will become but one sub-specialty among equals, including "post-colonial literatures from Africa, the Caribbean, Canada, and Australia." As the study of Australian, Caribbean, and African literatures in English are expanded, so the study of American values and ideals, whether considered separately or internationally, will be greatly reduced. Because resources at Middlebury College are not infinite, choices will have to be made. It is clear that, if the proposal becomes a reality, those choices will be made at the expense of American literature.

At least one factual correction and one revealing oversight must be identified. On the facing page of the spring article, Professor John Elder is quoted as "describing the 9–2 vote in the Department of American Literature and Civilization." In fact, the vote was 7–2–1, with the votes of part-time, untenured faculty and faculty who teach American studies but not American literature being weighted equally with tenured faculty who have taught American literature for decades. Why Professor Elder, who is not a member of the American literature department, has been cited as the authority on the meaning of this vote can only be explained as a stratagem of academic, if not editorial, politics. Furthermore it is surely significant that the four dissenters in Professor Elder's own department have been granted no voice in the magazine's account. The false impression created by the article is that there is only one voice in opposition to the "merger."

John McWilliams
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Dismayed in Connecticut

I read with dismay the piece entitled "To Merge or Not to Merge" (spring 2005), which purports to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposed merger of the American literature and English departments. A 1982 alumna and Am Lit major, I've been closely following the events surrounding this story for the past year, and I am troubled at the bias your article displays.

Where are the other dissenting voices in this debate? Why do you not make clear that the dissenters in both departments are mostly senior faculty members who are also former chairs of their respective departments? So much is at stake here, but the article speaks lightly and confidently of this proposed "merger" as if it is in fact a true merger rather than the evisceration of one major and enhancement of another.

I found the glib tone of the article to be insulting; it puts a happy, uncomplicated face on a serious curricular debacle. Middlebury's American literature department is unique, and many of its alumni can attest to the lasting impact it has had on our lives. I, for one, went on to study American and English literature at the graduate level and teach at the secondary and college levels. After more than 20 years, the systematic study of the American literary tradition continues to inform my reading, my thinking, and my approach to life. The venerable tradition of teaching and learning American literature at Middlebury is the reason many of us chose this college in the first place.

It seems to me that the College is now at a turning point, as it seeks to define itself for the future. Middlebury's reputation has soared in the past several years (which is positive), but I see the potential loss of the American literature department as a sign that Middlebury is losing its sense of self. In explaining the reasons for eliminating the major, American Literature Chair Brett Millier refers to the "national field, which is rapidly moving towards cultural studies." Is Middlebury interested in following trends, or does it have a strong enough sense of the value of its offerings to stand behind them?

If this so-called "merger"—and the events leading up to it—are any indication of the way the College plans to run itself in the future, I will feel a powerful disconnect from an institution that used to feel like home.

Betsy Currier Beacom '82
North Haven, Connecticut

Saddened by the Loss

As an Am Lit major, I am very sad to hear of the plans that are being considered to merge the American literature department with its English counterpart. My decision to apply to Middlebury was because of the independence of this department, its comprehensive and rich curriculum, and unique standing. I seriously doubt we can afford the risk of depriving ourselves of any of these qualities, no matter the academic area.

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American literature holds much of our collective memory as a people; we are not

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Australians; we are for the most part not intellectual inheritors of Caribbean tradition. We acknowledge a debt to the English tradition but are not of that tradition any longer but of our own. Few of us are pompous enough to think of ourselves as "Anglophones." What is being proposed at Middlebury is that we dilute and weaken a program that has for generations served to provide insight into the American character for a fashionable notion of worldliness, invented, it would seem, to serve certain political agendas within the faculty. To reduce the requirements for American literature in either the newly formed Department of American Studies or the merged Department of English/American Literature to "any two" courses and put into its place an emphasis on a category called "Anglophone" literature recalls a period in which a "smorgasbord" approach to curriculum became fashionable on many campuses. The result was disastrous; it weakened the experience of thousands of students and was subsequently abandoned at most colleges. But now, something similar is happening at Middlebury *vis à vis* American literature: the literary riches of our cultural heritage as Americans may in effect be forfeited to the games of academic politics at Middlebury.

I was an editor in the education department at *Life* magazine during the revisionist period of the sixties and watched the outcome as ignorance, passion, and innocence took the place of informed thought. We are still suffering the consequences in a period when "spin control" substitutes for truth. Sad to say, it is "spin control" that is currently very much in evidence in the way the demise of the American literature department has been treated at the College. From the outset, there was a great deal of political maneuvering to prevent full discussion of the proposal with the entire College community, including other faculty and the alumni. And the latest article in the College magazine caps a trend that saw those opposed to the "merger" persistently obstructed in their attempts to contact concerned alums while various forms of spin control were put in place.

Nationally, we are in a period of the Big Sell, of political sleaze passing itself off as truth, of agenda politics that threaten to undermine the very fabric of our society. And at Middlebury, in its little political teapot, much the same kind of crafty behavior has surfaced with political agendas replacing clear thinking and half-truths being passed off as truth. As a former trustee, I am very, very, very disappointed in what has been allowed to happen at the College. It is not simply that American literature will end up as a residual program without a core (for that, read back bone) but that this has been permitted by a corrupted process, which in turn signals a general weakening of oversight by the trustees and the administration. The political craft that has brought this sad outcome at Middlebury has been deft but not transparent; every move made thus far has served to add power to the American civilization department, chaired by Brett Millier. She claims, in the article by Matthew Jennings, that she serves the study of "literature" over that of American culture; she serves herself and perhaps others, not self-evident, who will gain power from such changes.

This is admittedly an angry letter. The anger derives in part from rage at the general political scene, but it also derives from my sense that I am watching the Big Sleaze played out at Middlebury, cloaked as something praiseworthy.

Barbara Cummiskey Villet '52
Shushan, New York

Value Subtracted

The American literature department at Middlebury was ahead of its time. What it taught mattered—its focus on our literature as a distinct field for study meant that students were able to interpret who and what we are in an ever-complicated world without losing a perspective honed on the experience of this continent and its peoples. To subsume this unique department into a larger, ill-defined unit risks losing sight of our actual cultural heritage. The proposed requirement of only two courses in American literature will obliterate the careful and comprehensive era-by-era engagement which made the department distinctive. It is "value subtracted" education. It also follows in the footsteps of almost every other university in the country. Why not remain ahead of the pack, excellent in what you do, instead of belatedly following it? And at such a cost?

For the past few decades, literary education has evolved into a carousel of disparate theoretical and ideological perspectives. Hidden under the machine is the body of real books by real authors that support it. There is not much evidence nationally that undergraduates, in particular, are thriving in the current ethos of literary study, which seems geared to producing a mandarin elite

instead of informed citizens. This proposed merger has all the feel of a professional "coup" rather than true concern for students.

I am an example of what might be lost. I feel that the foundation of my career as a writer and critic is the education I received in American literature at Middlebury. I'm reminded of what I learned in 1963 in Howard Munford's ['34] seminal class: "That things go round and again go round." I urge Middlebury to retain its intellectual integrity.

Judith Kitchen '63
Port Townsend, Washington

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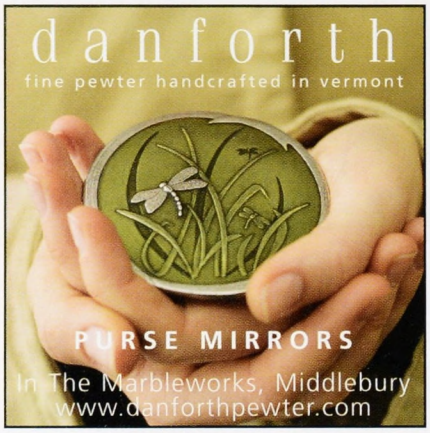
Anglophoney Department

When he conducted the interview with John McWilliams that figures in the College Street report titled (misleadingly) "To Merge or Not to Merge?" (spring 2005), Matthew Jennings, editor of the magazine and author of that unsigned account, gave his assurance—repeated later—that he would also be speaking with me about the fate of American literature at Middlebury. Since Mr. Jennings failed to do so and has also chosen not to identify me, the other senior member of the Department of American Literature and Civilization, as "one of the two dissenters," I want to make sure that members of the College's extended community are aware of my vehement opposition to the ill-conceived and intellectually indefensible move to terminate the major and eviscerate the comprehensive curriculum in American literature. As attentive readers of this College Street piece might surmise, from the outset the advocates of termination have been unable to come up with any coherent argument—only disconnected remarks and sanctimonious generalities that do not address the specific and highly concrete consequences of this curricular assault. In addition, in interpreting the votes reported, readers also need to know—for a start—that of the senior faculty members in both English and American literature who are opposed to this foolish and



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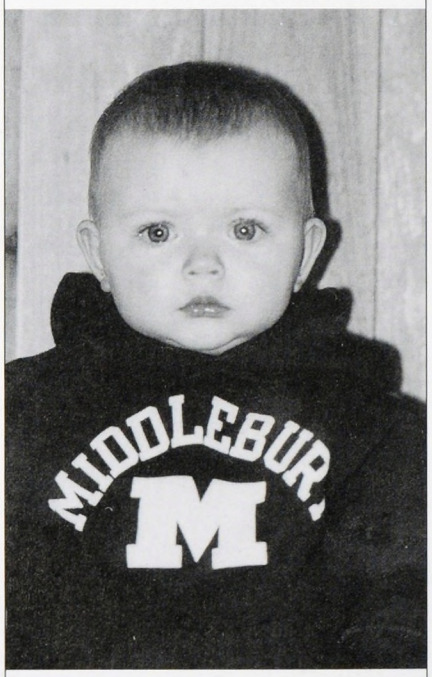

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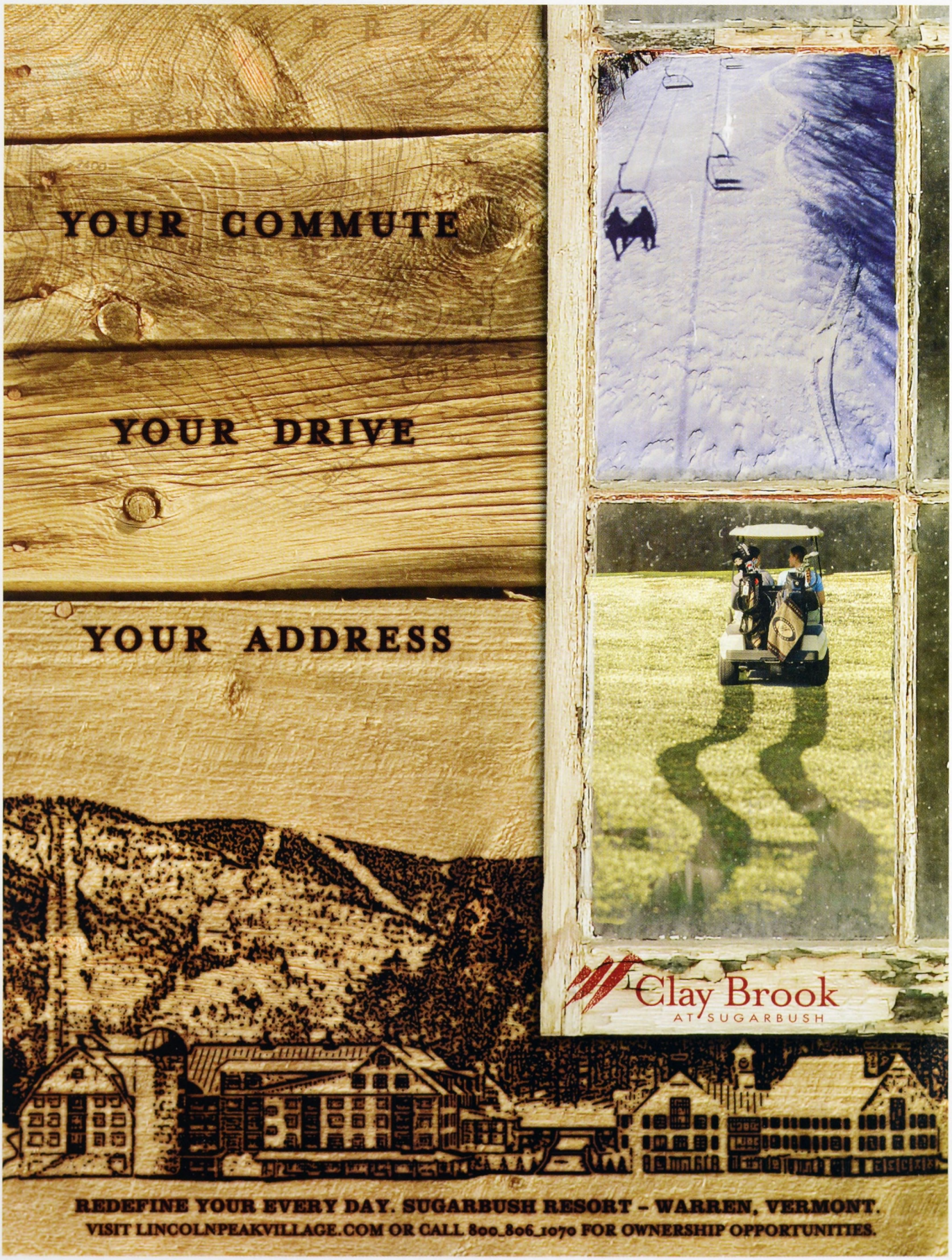
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destructive plan, four have served for years as chairs of their respective departments. (I myself served for five or six years as chair of American Literature and Civilization, and also, uniquely, for five years as chair of the Department of English.)

A bit of necessary history: In the fall of 2003, without acknowledging prior discussions of which members of the department were unaware, the chair of American Literature and Civilization suddenly proposed consideration of a possible new joint major in English and American literature, indicating that serious exploration of this possibility would be likely to take many months. Almost instantly, the possibility of a joint major was taken off the table and replaced by the current and far more radical plan to terminate the American literature major and create a new American studies department; this plan was then rushed to a vote, and presented to the English department as the basis for a realignment that required no change whatsoever in the structure of that department or of the requirements for the major in English.

There is much to be said about the deplorable and dishonest process that has led to the current situation, which to my mind represents a crossroads in the history of the College and a crisis in the way significant academic business is conducted here. At this point the magazine report amounts to nothing more than a highly selective piece of marketing for a change that will result in Middlebury's giving up one of its most distinctive intellectual assets in favor of an increased arbitrariness and incoherence in the College's English and American literature offerings as a whole. Despite all the disingenuous and dodgy rhetoric, the principal result of this so-called "merger" would be the devastating elimination of the possibility of serious, sustained, and systematic study of American literature from the colonial period to the present. *Caveat emptor*—buyer beware! Once you have fallen for this sales pitch and bought the shoddy new "Anglophone" product now being advertised, I'm afraid you will find that the College maintains no Complaint Department to which you might effectively convey your sense of outrage later, when you've discovered exactly what it is that you've been sold.

Stephen Donadio
Middlebury, Vermont

The writer is the Fulton Professor of American Literature at Middlebury

Midd Can Do Better

Regarding the article "To Merge or Not to Merge" in the spring 2005 issue: As I wrote President Liebowitz on December 24, 2004, "The refusal by the majority [of the Department of American Literature and Civilization] to allow the minority access to the database of contact information for American Literature and Civilization alumni outrages me. The College has pioneered in offering a major in an important field of study. That Middlebury is unique in this is a matter of pride, not denigration."

I stop here, preferring to let other readers, disaffected or otherwise, fill the letters column in this issue.

Malcolm Freiberg '41
Belmont, Massachusetts

War Protest

Regarding the *Middlebury Magazine* article "Ask, Do Tell" in the spring 2005 issue: Regardless of political issues, it is irresponsible of the College to encourage disrespect of our military personnel, especially when they are engaged in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Encourage independent thinking in the voting booth and leave the Marines alone.

Thomas Shiverick '56
Vero Beach, Florida

Discrimination Recrimination

Your article ("Ask, Do Tell," spring 2005) about strengthening the College's enforcement of its nondiscrimination policy inaccurately reported the outcome of the faculty's deliberations. The faculty voted 62 to 26 (with four abstentions) to recommend eliminating the provision permitting employers who discriminate in hiring to recruit on campus if they first explain their employment practices in an open meeting. *Middlebury Magazine* mistakenly reported that there were 48 votes against the resolution. It's important to record that more than two-thirds of the faculty present voted for eliminating the controversial provision. This was a very decisive vote for equal rights.

Michael Olinick
Middlebury, Vermont

The writer is the Baldwin Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Middlebury

Leave the Marine Alone

As an alumnus of Middlebury and the United States Marine Corps and being very proud of and fortunate to have had both of these experiences, I am concerned about the article ("Ask, Do Tell") that appeared in the spring issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. Our country is at war, and a young Marine Corps officer serving his country and doing his assigned duty of visiting the College to see which students may be interested in serving in the military is harassed. (I might add that in 1954, seven Middlebury students were commissioned as officers in the Marine Corps during our graduation ceremony by a senior Marine officer.) For students to protest and try to embarrass a Marine Corps officer doing his assigned duty for our government in a time of war is unacceptable.

If these young students—who have not served their country—have a real problem with the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, they should contact the previous administration who put this law into effect.

The real concern that several of my Middlebury friends and I have with this situation is the fact that the College, its leadership, and the editorial staff of *Middlebury Magazine* had the audacity to promote this event with photographs. You must have other subject matters to consider and include in the magazine without embarrassing our servicemen.

I have worked for Middlebury for many years—interviewing potential candidates in major cities—and have always financially supported my alma mater. It is my hope that Middlebury will review its policy relating to the above.

Richard L. Bourbeau '54
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Demand Full Disclosure

The reason for my letter is the article in the spring 2005 issue—"Ask, Do Tell"—about military recruiting on campus.

In addition to the hypocrisy of the military on the issue of gays in the armed services, there is the morally repugnant policy of misinforming those who sign up to serve our country. If the College's policy is to allow recruiters on campus, then I believe Middlebury is morally obligated to provide these same students with accurate information about the consequences of military service, such as what is outlined in a pamphlet recently published by the American Friends Service Committee and endorsed by Veterans for Peace.

As the daughter of a World War II vet, I understand how important it is to serve our country in its hour of need. But as the sister and wife of Vietnam veterans, I also know our government can misuse its power and its citizens.

Dorothy Blanchette P'04
Falmouth, Maine

Campus Catalysts

I applaud Middlebury's wide-ranging strategic reassessment and its inclusion of the entire Middlebury community in the process—from students, faculty, and staff to alumni/ae and friends of the College. I wish the other educational institutions with which I have been affiliated would consider equivalent self-assessments.

I also would like to respond to a couple of concerns President Liebowitz raised in his spring 2005 magazine column "Engaging Intellect: Building a Stronger Intellectual Community at Middlebury." The president very rightly mentions the difficulties of "creat[ing] a vigorous on-campus intellectual community" when faculty are faced with that eternal promotion bugaboo—"publish or perish." In the process, their work becomes skewed "toward the narrow and specific, with less attention to the broad and general." The result, he writes, "is the stifling of discussion among colleagues across disciplines, and with the wider community at large."

Clearly, some publication, some contribution to original research, must be expected of faculty in higher education. But may I suggest that as the College seeks to nourish the overall intellectual environment of Middlebury, it consider each faculty member's role as an intellectual catalyst in the on-campus student community as at least one of the parameters for tenure? Does each faculty member, for example, on occasion (or on a regular basis) host a free-wheeling lunch discussion group in his discipline? Does he offer an informal course-related brainstorming evening workshop? Does he mentor students on how to publish opinion pieces related to their discipline in local or national newspapers, or on how they can submit analytical essays to relevant journals and magazines (ranging perhaps from *English Journal* to *Harper's* or *Orion* or *Military History*)? Such activities would increase student intellectual involvement and curiosity, validating particular pieces of strong work they may have submitted in their courses. These are just a few ideas; I'm sure the planning committee could think of more. Such sessions would also validate faculty mem-

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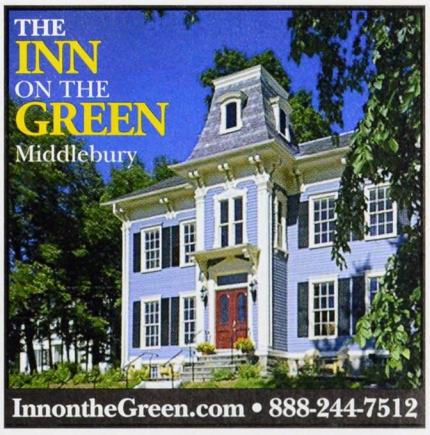

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bers' own research and prove, I should think, highly stimulating to them as well. Making such catalytic activities an official part of the professional assessment/promotion process would result in faculty members interacting more frequently and informally with students and would generate on-campus intellectual excitement and curiosity. *How* this would be measured is, of course, a key question—one that the planning committee could explore. Anonymous student surveys? Forms submitted by faculty? Others? I would recommend, however, that any annual "assessing body" include at least some student representation.

Lee Gaillard, M.A. English '70
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Lighten the Tone

As an alumnus family, residents of Cornwall, and members in good stead of the Middlebury community, we feel compelled to respond to Michael Katz's letter ("Habitat or Houses," spring 2005) regarding the advertisement of lots in the Foote Farm development. We were saddened and angered by what seemed to be a thinly veiled threat in the conclusion of his letter. He writes: "I would like to apprise any Middlebury alums who buy into this development that they will be entering a controversial situation and may not be welcomed wholeheartedly by all members of the local community." We, too, have concerns about the Foote Farm development, but find Mr. Katz's letter unacceptably hostile and not at all representative of our community.

There are a number of clearly defined and appropriate channels at the local and state levels that Mr. Katz can avail himself of to oppose this development. If his efforts fail, it will be because the developers have succeeded in meeting local zoning regulations, the requests of town planners and Act 250 rules. If Mr. Katz is still unhappy, we suggest he devote his energies to changing the town plan and its zoning regulations. Threatening potential buyers with being unwelcome is mean-spirited and vindictive—behavior unbecoming of a member of the College faculty and our small community.

Becky and Chris Dayton '87
Cornwall, Vermont

Look to Cape Cod

I was interested to read the letter to the editor from Professor Katz regarding the proposed development of the Foote Farm adjacent to his property in Cornwall ("Habitat or Houses?" spring 2005). In arguing against the creation of home sites on this property, Professor Katz cites landscape features and diverse wildlife species whose existence will likely be compromised if the pending development plans are approved.

As an ecologist and conservation biologist, I find Professor Katz's perspective particularly frustrating. No doubt many similar habitats existed on his property prior to its development. I hope and assume he sleeps peacefully at night in spite of this fact. Conservation issues facing Vermont and the rest of New England cannot simply be about stopping particular development projects in those places where local groups have the clout to win arguments, often on specious ecological foundations. It can and must be about building conservation planning into the process of owning, selling, buying, and converting properties and the landscapes

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In that vein, Professor Katz's veiled suggestion that a community will castigate people for wanting what they already enjoy is especially unattractive and antithetical to the true goals of conservation.

David Skelly '87
New Haven, Connecticut

The writer is a professor of ecology at Yale University

Private Concerns

My husband and I have just read with great interest the article about Kateri Carmola in the spring 2005 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* ("The Art of War"). We congratulate Middlebury on having someone of her experience and concerns as a member of the faculty.

Patricia Novak, M.A. Spanish '57
Hinesburg, Vermont

Well on Our Way

Ed Weissman '65 wrote a nice article ("A Moment in Time," spring 2005) about two days he spent in Selma, Alabama. However, he missed the real story of Alabama, which I'm afraid leaves most of your readers with a misunderstanding of the state.

I can speak from experience because I have lived here almost 50 years and have seen the changes in this state, both good and bad. When I arrived in Huntsville in 1956, I wondered what I had gotten in to. Traveling from Oklahoma, I was shocked when I hit the state: shacks along the road with refrigerators on the front porch; Huntsville was a surprise—a town of some 20,000 steeped in 19th-century history but determined to progress.

The year 1965 featured strife in south Alabama but relative calm in the north. Oh, we had a sit-in at the local Kmart restaurant, but we also had a group of leaders who said we will change peacefully. The local schools were integrated with little fanfare. We begged George Wallace to keep the troops home, but he refused. But the next day, life went on with integration complete.

My job at the arsenal was to help integrate civilian personnel. We recruited at the local African American college and brought in some fine recruits. I am proud of the plaque on my wall in the recognition of the outstanding students we recruited.

In my retirement, I look back on what has been accomplished in my lifetime and draw pride in my adopted state and city. I look to a city of almost 200,000 with progress on every side. We have the distinction of being home to the small businessman of the year, awarded by President Bush to one of our leading African American businessmen. All city boards have African Americans, as does the city council and school.

We have a highly regarded symphony, a world-class art museum, and a botanical garden that is attempting to build the largest butterfly cage in the country (our butterflies are already nationally famous).

We still have not completely overcome 1965, but we are well on the way. I have found a home, and I am proud of my city and state, warts and all, and I have no desire to go back to Massachusetts. I don't think I'd fit in any more.

Graham Shovelton '48
Huntsville, Alabama

In Appreciation

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to John Hanson for his years of dedication and service to Middlebury College. John is retiring this summer after 15 years of service, most of which were spent as the director of admissions. During this time, John has served tirelessly to advance the mission of the College by helping to create a student body of diverse, talented, and intellectually curious young people from around the world. The classes that have entered Middlebury under John's leadership have been some of the most qualified and impressive in its history. We believe that his work has made the College a stronger institution and that his efforts have contributed in a significant way to sustaining and promoting the reputation of Middlebury as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country.

Those who matriculate at Middlebury become a permanent part of the College—they are part of its immediate existence for a short time, part of its history for a much longer time, and, perhaps most importantly, a crucial part of its future. John and his staff deserve the thanks of a grateful College community. We are continually inspired by John's gracious and decent nature, and we are certain that his presence in a formal role at the College will be sorely missed. We are grateful for his friendship, and we feel that we are better people for having known him over the years. We wish John and his wonderful wife, Ann, the very best as he retires, and we offer our most sincere thanks for his years of commitment and work on behalf of our beloved alma mater.

Trystan '95 and Brendan O'Leary '94
Walpole, Massachusetts

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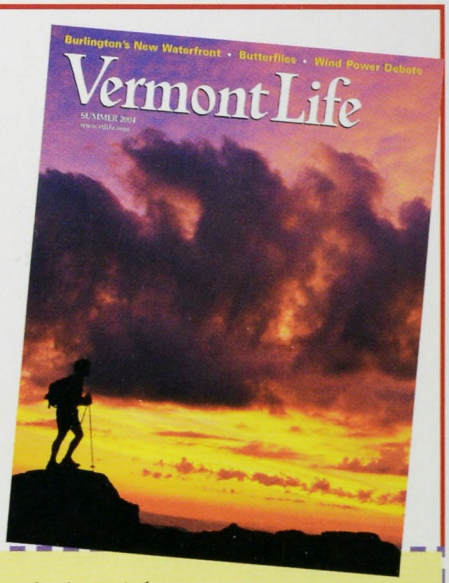

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The Class of 2005 received their diplomas on a soggy May morning and prepared for their leap into the world.
Photograph by Michael Sipe

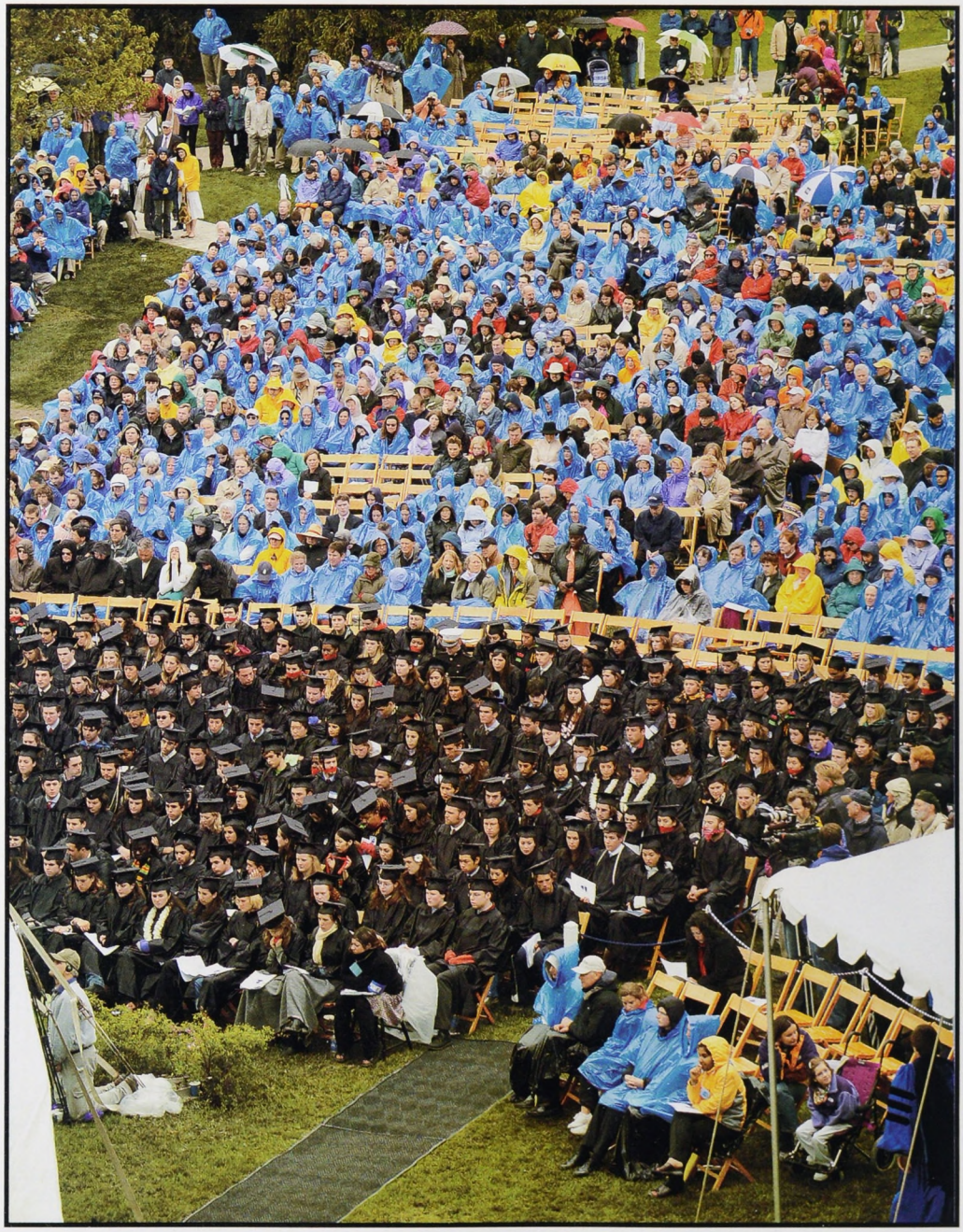
Graduation Day

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, a Middlebury commencement featured heavy, gray skies; a raw, bracing wind; and a bone-chilling rain that seemed to fall harder as the ceremony neared the one-hour mark. The weather, in fact, served as a marked contrast to that crisp, bright, sunny, autumnal day in September 2001, when the Class of 2005—just a few days into college life—watched in horror as the towers fell, the Pentagon burned, and the nation wept.

"You began your college careers with a massive change in America," the 2005 commencement speaker intoned, as the rain pelted the robed graduates and ponchoed guests. "We don't even understand yet all the changes that it's going to bring about, but ultimately we're going to be stronger as a result of it, and we're going to be stronger because we've educated young people like you to understand that the world is complex and difficult, but if you can apply a reason and sense of rationality to it, it's going to be a much, much better place."

The speaker was Rudolph Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City, who, of course, had an intimate understanding of 9/11. His selection as the commencement speaker was a recognition of the centrality of the September attacks to the collegiate experience of the Class of 2005, yet not everyone was happy with the choice. Rumors spread of an organized protest on the day of commencement—a possibility Giuliani humorously addressed at the beginning of his speech: "I understand that there may be some protests," he said. "I can't help it. I'm a Yankees fan."

In the end, what protest there was was small and respectful—a handful of students and faculty placed red handkerchiefs over their mouths when Giuliani began to speak. And when the former mayor concluded his talk with humility and optimism, he received a standing ovation.



BLACK & BLUE
Not even a chilly, wet day could truly dampen the occasion for the Class of '05 and their assembled guests.

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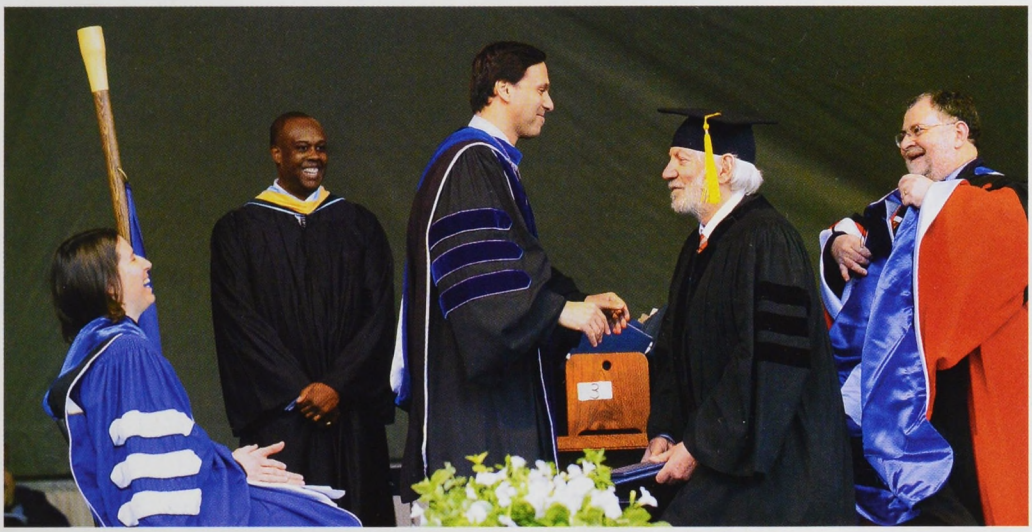
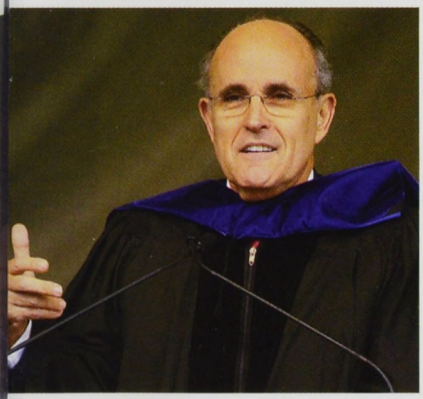
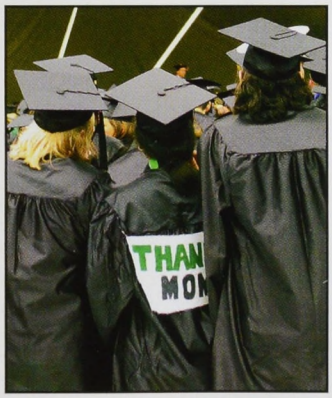
"Hey, graduation sticks!"

—Adam King '05, upon discovering several boxes containing replicas of Gamaliel Painter's cane, a few weeks before graduation.







A Matter of Degrees
Actor and Midd parent Donald Sutherland receives his honorary degree (top); Rudolph Giuliani offers parting advice (far left); a grad knows who to thank (immediate left); civil rights activist Robert Moses confers with trustee Michael Obel-Omia '88.

After that, the Class of 2005 heard their names called, as one by one, they crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. Though cold and wet, they remained buoyant, their collective mood a far cry from the shared feelings of fear and despair on that warm, sunny September day nearly four years ago.

Text of the speeches can be found at www.middleburymagazine.org

Commencement Facts

6,500
Number of chairs set up on the commencement site by the College's facilities management office

9
Number of tents set up on the commencement site by the Vermont Tent Company

21
Approximate number of balloons released by graduates in memory of lost faculty members Bob Churchill and Eve Adler

57
Number of flags flown along the roofline of Voter Hall during commencement. Each flag represented the home country of at least one of the international graduates

9,100
Approximate number of miles between Middlebury and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, hometown of Jasmin Johnson '05

1
Number of graduates from Bosnia-Herzegovina

1
Number of graduates from Middlebury, Vermont

What I've Learned

A few weeks before graduation, a group of seniors gathered over pizza to rehash their four years at Middlebury and share their acquired wisdom with *Middlebury Magazine*. A sampling of what they've learned:

■ Socrates was right: An unexamined life is not worth living. The ancients were very similar to us in so many ways, especially their philosophy of examining life.
Andre Estanislao
Manila, Philippines

■ I'm a completely different person than I was as a freshman. I know how to work hard, how to be selfless, how to value the work of other people.
Els Van Woert
Shelburne, Vermont

■ Coming here, I gained a sense of optimism.
Dixie Dillon
Riverside, California

■ You find out who your friends *really* are after freshman-year room draw.
Adam King
Dover, Massachusetts

■ Everybody knows everything about everyone.
Dev Talvadkar
Washington, D.C.

■ Isolation is relative . . . it's really just a state of mind.
Melanie Endo
Montclair, New Jersey

■ Balance is essential.
Catherine Foster
Westport, Connecticut

■ The randomness of the freshman questionnaire is a great thing.
Patrick Zomer
Grand Rapids, Michigan

■ It's healthy to stretch your comfort zone.
Michael Murray
Larchmont, New York

■ Being a geography major has taught me that there isn't *one* way to look at any given issue.
Maija Cheung
Lawrence, Kansas

■ People interact differently here than back home.
Simon Behan
Dublin, Ireland

■ I'm not afraid to stand up to people now.
Lindsey Whitton
Wilton, Connecticut

■ Walk at a pace that we can perceive. Andrea Olson taught me that.
Tyne Pike-Sprenger
Wilmington, Vermont

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Far from Elementary

FROM 1998 UNTIL 2004, 18 Middlebury students had received prestigious Watson fellowships, providing one-year grants for independent study and travel outside the United States. This spring, Erwin Konesni '05 and Stephanie Morales '05 became numbers 19 and 20. In joining the illustrious group, Konesni will journey to the Netherlands, Germany, Ghana, Tanzania, Vietnam, Switzerland, and Mongolia, while Morales will visit Spain, Argentina, and Venezuela.

Konesni, an environmental studies and music major, will undertake a project titled "Haul Away, Joe: Exploring Musical Labor of the Land and Sea"; Morales, a women's and gender studies major, will research "An Intergenerational Redefinition of Leadership through Film."

Now What?

WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR UNDERGRADUATE CAREERS, members of the Class of 2005 stand at the cusp of the "real world." What does the immediate future hold? According to a survey conducted by the Career Services Office:

35 percent of the 335 survey respondents (47 percent of the senior class) report that they have accepted job offers.

13 percent of the respondents are going to graduate school.

26 percent of the respondents are actively looking for a job.

Education and finance are the top two hiring industries.

To date, Teach for America is the largest employer of '05 Midd grads, with 11 hires.

Lehman Brothers has hired 9 grads.

Middlebury Looks Westward

IT LACKS THE ROMANTICISM, perhaps, of Lillian Strobe's train ride through the Champlain Valley in 1915 (a journey that led to the establishment of the Middlebury Language Schools), yet a well-placed phone call in the spring of 2004 may prove to have been just as consequential in Middlebury's rise as a leader in international education.

In late June, the boards of trustees at Middlebury College and the Monterey Institute of International Studies approved a letter of intent to make Monterey an affiliate of Middlebury. The letter—which outlines terms and conditions of the proposed affiliation, including governing changes, investments, and conditions for finalizing the affiliation—is the culmination of seven months of intensive discussion and diligent fact-finding that was sparked by the aforementioned phone call by an MIIS official to a member of the Middlebury board of trustees.

By adding MIIS as an affiliate, Middlebury will embark on a broader phase of international education, while also gaining visibility on the West Coast. MIIS has four graduate-level programs—the Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation, the Graduate School of International Policy Studies, the Graduate School of Language and Educational Linguistics, and the Fisher Graduate School of International Business.

"The affiliation between Middlebury College and the Monterey Institute will allow both of our institutions to take a significant step forward in our commitment to leadership in international education," Middlebury president Ronald D. Liebowitz said in announcing the letter of intent. "Never before has there been such a critical need for leaders with language skills and cultural understanding to meet the global challenges of the 21st century. Together, Middlebury and Monterey are powerfully equipped to educate these leaders."

Clara Yu, a former vice president for languages and director of the Language Schools at Middlebury College, will serve as president of the Monterey Institute once the affiliation agreement is approved. Yu will report to Monterey's reconstructed five-member board of trustees, which will be appointed by the Middlebury board.

"Middlebury and Monterey are two premier institutions that take seriously deep cultural understanding and linguistic proficiency as the foundation for international studies, policy-making, and public service," Yu said. "I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, and alumni of the Monterey Institute and with the Monterey community to further our common mission."

On recommending Yu as Monterey president to the Middlebury College board of trustees, Liebowtiz commented: "I believe Clara, with her knowledge of the College, of the foreign language field, her extensive contacts with the 81 leading liberal arts colleges that make up the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education consortium, her contacts with major foundations, and her extensive management skills, is the perfect candidate to lead and develop Monterey's graduate programs in ways that support Middlebury's commitment to international education."

Middlebury has announced that it anticipates making financial resources available to Monterey in the form of gifts received specifically for this affiliation and secured loans, if needed. The College also plans to promote MIIS programs to the faculty, students, and alumni of Middlebury's Language Schools and Schools Abroad. Each institution will continue to present its own degrees. The institutions have agreed to work toward finalizing an affiliation agreement by December 23, 2005.

Fast Facts

Location Monterey, California

Founded 1955

Students Approximately 780, half of whom are from outside the United States

Countries represented in the student body Approximately 60

Languages spoken on campus Approximately 50

Number of alumni 7,500, living in more than 100 countries

Programs Fisher Graduate School of International Business, Graduate School of International Policy Studies, Graduate School of Language and Educational Linguistics, Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation

Degrees offered Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in International Policy Studies, International Master of Public Administration, Master of Arts in International Environmental Policy, Master of Arts in Commercial Diplomacy, Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Master of Arts in Teaching Foreign Languages, Master of Arts in Translation, Master of Arts in Translation and Interpretation, Master of Arts in Conference Interpretation

Affiliated Centers Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Center for East Asian Studies

Summer Reading

Missy Foote
Head women's lacrosse coach

- *Blink*, Malcolm Gladwell
- *Wandering Home*, Bill McKibben
- *In Praise of Slowness*, Carl Honore
- *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, Patrick Lencioni
- *The Heart Is a Little to the Left*, William Sloane Coffin
- *Prodigal Summer*, Barbara Kingsolver
- *Angle of Repose*, Wallace Stegner
- *Spiritually Incorrect: Finding God in All the Wrong Places*, Dan Wakefield

Karl Lindholm
Dean of advising and assistant professor of American literature

- *Underworld*, Don DeLillo
- *Leeway Cottage*, Beth Gutcheon
- *State of Grace: A Memoir of Twilight Time*, Robert Timberg
- *Satchel Paige's America*, William Price Fox

Margaret Nelson
Hepburn Professor of Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies

- *Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise*, Ruth Reichl
- *The Closers*, Michael Connelly
- *Them: A Memoir of Parents*, Francine du Plessix Gray
- *The Farm in the Green Mountains*, Alice Herdan-Zuckmayer,
- *Gilead*, Marilynne Robinson
- *The Position*, Meg Wolitzer,
- *What's the Matter with Kansas?* Thomas Frank
- *Welfare Brat*, Mary Childers
- *Case Histories*, Kate Atkinson

Matt Longman
Dean of Wonnacott Commons

- *Before You Know Kindness*, Chris Bohjalian
- *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putnam
- *Where the Sea Used to Be*, Rick Bass
- *Idiot*, Johnny Damon

John Elder
Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies

- *The Divine Comedy: Inferno*, Dante Alighieri (In two translations by Mark Musa and Charles Singleton)
- *The Divine Comedy: Purgatorio*, Dante Alighieri (In two translations by Mark Musa and Charles Singleton)
- *The Divine Comedy: Paradise*, Dante Alighieri (In two translations by Mark Musa and Charles Singleton)

Sound of Music

In April, for the first time in the College's history (as far as anyone can remember), students performed a concert of chamber music for their peers at the President's House.

Performers and their invited guests alike came attired in skirts and sports jackets, but the affair was not entirely formal; the lively pre-concert chatter—centered around the scrumptious high tea set up in the dining room, which included currant scones and cucumber sandwiches, of course—remained grounded in discussions of room draws and weekend plans.

For the musicians, this was a chance to share movements of Brahms's Clarinet Quintet and Beethoven's "Ghost" Piano Trio, the fruits of their January term chamber music performance class with Su Lian Tan, an associate professor of music. Tan knows chamber music: She not only writes it and coaches it, she plays it (she's an award-winning flutist). Clarinetist Kevin Ng '08 described one of Tan's guiding principles for this intimate genre: "She taught us that in a chamber music ensemble, each player holds a piece of a shared heart. As the music progresses, I give my part to you, and you give it back to me."

It takes skill to reveal that heart, and the players showed plenty of both. Ng, violinists Megan Guiliano '07 and Emily Goldsmith '08, violist Andrew Lindblad '05, and cellist Jonathan Stuart-Moore '05 captured the autumnal tone of Brahms. For the Beethoven piece, Goldsmith did double duty with fellow first-years Erik Lewis (cello) and Hye Min Ryu (piano) striking the first movement's unisons with remarkable energy and precision.

Even at a small college your friends can surprise you, judging from the most-overheard post-concert comment: "Wow! I didn't know you could play like that!"

—Maria Stadtmueller

Illustration by Colin Johnson

Since Last Time

TWO STORIES—"To Merge or Not to Merge" and "Ask, Do Tell"—in the spring 2005 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* received a lot of attention from readers and sparked considerable discussion (see Letters in this issue). Since both stories examined evolving issues, we thought it was necessary to offer an update.

To Merge or Not to Merge

Quote/Unquote

"It's a very strong majority with a very passionate dissent."

Ask, Do Tell

The proposed English-Am Lit merger With the close of the academic calendar year, the faculty's Educational Affairs Committee was continuing to study the American Literature and English proposal. A vote on the issue will not take place until next academic year.

Employer recruiting On May 12, President Liebowitz announced his decision that the College's protocols on employer recruiting on campus will remain as they are "for the time being." These protocols permit employers who cannot sign the College's nondiscrimination statement to recruit only on the condition that they hold an open meeting, at which they must provide information on their recruitment practices.

In an e-mail to the College community, Liebowitz wrote, in part: "I recognize the strong arguments for changing our existing protocols in order to deny the use of campus resources to employers who do not follow the College's nondiscrimination policy. However, such changes in protocol are incompatible with federal law, which requires that colleges and universities that receive grants from a number of federal agencies provide military recruiters with access to their campuses 'in a manner that is at least equal in quality and scope' to the access provided other employers.' (Solomon Amendment, 1996) . . . I believe that preventing military organizations from using campus resources and facilities when they recruit works against our mission as an educational institution. I also believe Middlebury's nondiscrimination policy is unquestionably the right policy. Allowing an organization that does not adhere to that policy to come here only if they agree to engage in dialogue and debate helps to dramatize the difference between the policies of that organization and the higher standards we set for ourselves."

Liebowitz added that the administration would review the recruiting protocols on a periodic basis.

News & Notes

Be Cool

THIS SUMMER, Middlebury College joined the City of Stamford, Connecticut; the Timberland Company; Governor John Baldacci of Maine; and Governor George Pataki of New York as a recipient of the 2005 Climate Champion Award. Clean Air–Cool Planet, the Northeast's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to finding and implementing solutions to global warming, announced the winners at its biennial conference, Global Warming Solutions, in June.

UWC HQ at Midd

THE DAVIS UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Scholars Program—a philanthropic endeavor that provides grants to select American colleges and universities in support of students who have completed pre-university studies at UWC schools—established its headquarters at Middlebury this summer.

The program's namesake, Shelby M. C. Davis, has donated $20 million to Middlebury to establish the headquarters and support the financial needs of Middlebury's UWC students, who number approximately 80 this year. Davis has funded the growing program, which supports students from all over the globe, since its inception in 2000.

A Mighty Wind

WIND POWER is coming to Middlebury. Coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the College's environmental studies program, Middlebury is installing a wind turbine on the western edge of campus (at the site of the recycling facility on Rt. 125). The turbine will be connected to the College's electrical grid, offsetting the use of electric power from Central Vermont Public Service.

New Dean in Town

MIDDLEBURY WELCOMED a new dean of admissions to campus this summer with the appointment of Robert S. Clagett to the post. Clagett comes to the College from Harvard, where he served as a senior admissions officer and associate director of financial aid. In his new position, Clagett will be responsible for undergraduate admissions policy and for overseeing the operation of the admissions office.

Shining Star

THE POSSE FOUNDATION, an organization that identifies and trains student leaders from urban public high schools and then matches them with select colleges, awarded Middlebury President Ronald Liebowitz a Posse Star at a New York City gala in May.

Awarded annually, the Posse Star recognizes an individual who exhibits leadership, makes a significant contribution in the field of education, and positively affects people's lives. Joining Liebowitz as 2005 Posse Star recipients were actress Phylicia Rashad and Shell Gas & Power executive Luciano Batista.

Now Batting...

It will take more than severe hearing loss to slow down—or quiet—Colleen Sullivan.

By Matt Jennings

THE SOUNDS OF A BALL FIELD are unmistakable, and never more so than when a team stands on the cusp of breaking a game wide open. Dugout chatter amps up several notches, base runners pepper hitters with words of encouragement, while fans add harmony to the impromptu performance.

On a chilly, overcast early May afternoon, this wall of sound engulfs the Middlebury softball diamond as the home team appears to be a swing or two away from breaking open a 2–1 game against Lyndon State. It's the home half of the third inning, and the bases are full of Panthers. With Ellen Sargent '07 at the plate, Colleen Sullivan '07 looms in the on-deck circle, a few paces from the home dugout.

Sullivan has a slugger's stance—her practice swings are vicious rips—and on each pitch to Sargent, Sullivan's deep-blue eyes hone in on the pitcher, attempting to pick up any flaw in the delivery.

Sargent hits a smash to the third baseman, who fields the grounder and fires a dart to the catcher. But the throw is mishandled, a run scores, the bases remain loaded, and Sullivan strides to the plate.

A part-time starter in right field as a freshman, Sullivan seized the starting job with a red-hot, 10-game spring trip to Florida, to open her sophomore season. She returned to Vermont with a team-leading .321 average (including a pair of game-winning hits), and in her fourth game back smashed a home run against Castleton. Now, with the bases loaded and a two-run lead, she hopes to put the game out of reach.

She digs into the batter's box and awaits the first pitch. A chorus of "Here we go, Sully," and "Big stick, Sully" emanates from the Panther dugout, and Sullivan takes a big hack at the first pitch.

Pop up to the shortstop.

Sullivan's halfway to first when the ball is caught, and as she makes a sharp right turn toward the dugout, she allows a slight grimace to crease her face. But then, surprisingly, she breaks into a wide smile, shrugs her shoulders, and bellows some words of encouragement for the next batter.

"Colleen is the most enthusiastic, energetic person I've met," centerfielder Katelyn Cannella '08 would say later. "She is very serious about anything she takes on, but she always keeps things in perspective." When it comes to softball, Cannella adds, Sullivan understands that her role as a motivator is as important as her offensive prowess. Asked to describe her friend and teammate, Cannella smiles and says, "She's the one who's always

INSTANT ENERGY Sullivan can lift the mood of the most dormant dugout. "She makes her presence known, that's for sure," laughs teammate Katelyn Cannella '08. "We all feed off her energy."

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smiling. She makes her presence known; makes other people laugh." Cannella rattles off a number of other adjectives (selfless, outgoing, wacky) to describe Sullivan, but what she doesn't mention speaks volumes about how Sullivan is perceived.

Colleen Sullivan is deaf.

She was born with "severe and profound hearing loss," and doctors told her parents

that their child would never speak. It was an opinion they didn't accept. "My parents were determined that my hearing loss would not prevent me from doing anything," Sullivan says, "and I'm thankful for that every day."

When she was two, Sullivan was enrolled in the Beverly School for the Deaf, in suburban Boston, where she learned to sign and read lips; by the age of three she was verbal. She began attending public school kindergarten in nearby Concord, and by the third grade she was fully mainstreamed into regular classes. She wears hearing aids and reads lips (she claims to have forgotten how to sign), and her speech is clear. After spending a few minutes with her, you forget that she has any hearing loss.

Sullivan has a slugger's stance—her practice swings are vicious rips—and on each pitch, her deep-blue eyes hone in on the pitcher.

"When I got to Middlebury and learned that Colleen was deaf, I was nervous about bringing the subject up," Cannella says. "But a huge part of playing the outfield is communicating." Outfielders chatter all the time—about positioning, about the batter's strengths—but at no time is communication more important than when a fly ball is hit to the outfield, and fielders must decide who will make the play. All eyes are glued to the ball, and players rely on verbal cues to determine who will make the catch; serious injuries occur when players miscommunicate and collide.

Sullivan broached the subject on the first day of practice. "If you want to claim a fly ball, just yell. Otherwise I'll assume the ball is mine," she told Cannella. (The centerfielder had to remind herself not to yell, "You got it," to Sullivan if she wanted her to make the play, because with her eyes on the ball, Sullivan would just hear noise and assume Cannella was calling for the ball.) After a few practices, the teammates were playing the outfield as if they were choreographed. "We've never had any trouble," Cannella says. "On other teams, I've had more problems with people who could hear fine."

Though she's comfortable talking about her hearing loss now (she refuses to call it a handicap or disability), there was a time when Sullivan was reluctant to discuss the subject. She says being at Middlebury, a place where she feels like everyone has accepted her, has helped her in that regard. Yet, while she's confident and outgoing, she's far from brash. On more than one occasion, she comments that she doesn't deserve to be the subject of a magazine article, and she professes amazement that her teammates put up with her sense of humor, which she admits is on the level of a ten-year-old.

For all her quirks and self-effacement, Sullivan is a natural athlete. Her first swing as a young tee-ball player resulted in a smash to the outfield (a precursor of things to come, though she insists that nothing has come easily to her), and since arriving at Middlebury she's become a standout rugby player. Her softball coach, Angie Totaro, says that Sullivan is a strong fielder with a rocket for an arm, but more important, "She's our catalyst. She always seems to be 'on,' and everyone feeds off her energy."

During a late-season doubleheader with Green Mountain College, Sullivan didn't get to the field until the fifth inning of the first game (she had an afternoon class that day). What had been a dormant dugout came alive upon her arrival—after eking out a 1–0 win in the first game, the Panthers trounced Green Mountain, 18–0, in the nightcap. The wall of sound was in full effect, and Sullivan was right in the center. There she was at the edge of the dugout, exhorting her teammates at the plate. There she was in the outfield, huddling with the other outfielders leading a cheer at the top of each inning. And there she was between innings, in the middle of the team huddle, the loudest to yell "Go MIDD" before the team ran onto the field.

"I always feel like a Power Ranger when we do that," she exclaims to no one in particular. "You *are* a Power Ranger, Colleen," an assistant coach replies. At which point Sullivan strikes a brief action-figure pose—one leg lunging in front of the other and an arm extended above her head, like the Statue of Liberty—before sprinting to her position.

Sugar & Spice

Roger Sandwick's research focuses on potentially toxic compounds—and tasty treats.

By Suki Casanave

In Roger Sandwick's office, not far from a well-stocked bowl of Starburst candies, a bunch of puzzles lie scattered on a low table. Complex cubes in a half-finished state are waiting for the final pieces to be added. Metal shapes linked together in a maddening mess are waiting to be untangled. The puzzles come in handy here in an office that is often full of students waiting to talk with Sandwick about a chemistry question. While they wait, they fiddle. "People are always picking up the puzzles and experimenting," says the associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry. Every once in awhile, someone figures something out. A piece drops into place. A shape is released from the tangle. And then, usually, there's a small shout of triumph.

Those moments always make Sandwick smile. He recognizes that thrill of discovery. It's what he lives for, both in his teaching and in his research. "Working in the lab is like solving a series of puzzles," he says. "I love getting in there and finding something I didn't know before." But solving unknowns, he adds, only happens if you're paying attention. That's part of what he loves: You have to keep looking. If you keep your eyes open, you just might find something.

The French scientist Louis Camille Maillard discovered what came to be known as the Maillard reaction when he was attempting to solve a puzzle of his own back in 1912. As he was trying to figure out how amino acids link up to form proteins, he found that when sugars and amino acids are heated together, the mixture turns brown. Also called "the browning reaction," the Maillard reaction is responsible for the lovely, just-right coloring on turkey and other cooked meats, as well as on french fries, potato chips, and chocolate chip cookies. Maple syrup and coffee also get their brown tones from the Maillard reaction. "Somewhere in the process of making each of these things," says Sandwick, "sugar and amino acids combine to create the color, along with flavor and aroma."

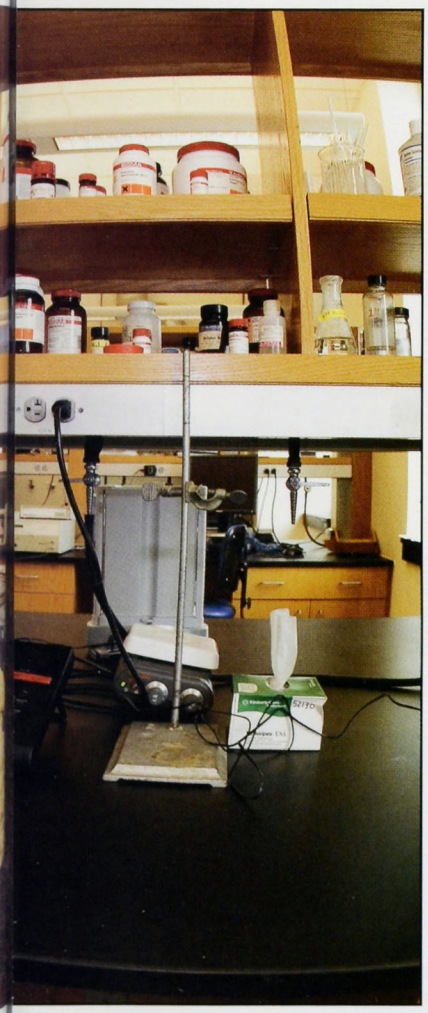
Which is why the Maillard reaction is of special interest to people in the food industry. At a recent international Maillard reaction conference, Sandwick, who studies the effect of this reaction on the human body, found himself surrounded by various food experts. "Someone from the Danish meat institute, someone else from a Swiss company that designs seasonings—they're all looking to create special flavors and aromas to perfectly match the food they want to present," he

Look to the Cookie
Also known as the "browning reaction," the Maillard reaction—resulting when sugars and amino acids combine—is responsible for color, aroma, and flavor in a host of foods.

Photograph by Dennis Curran

says. "The Maillard reaction represents big dollars for the food industry."

In 2000, researchers in Europe sparked new interest in the reaction when it was discovered that some of its byproducts, including acrylamide, could be toxic. For most people, says Sandwick, this finding is no cause for worry. "Mankind has been eating Maillard compounds since humans started cooking over fire," he says. "Our liver



does a good job of taking care of them."

Still, he says, potentially toxic by-products of the Maillard reaction deserve scrutiny because cooked food isn't the only place the reaction occurs. It occurs constantly in the human body, as glucose, the body's main sugar, reacts with amino acids. In most people, the reaction has no effect. But Maillard compounds can pose all sorts of problems for some people, including diabetics, who have high blood sugar. Some even suggest that the host of health issues diabetics face can all be traced to the Maillard reaction. It may have implications for other ailments, too, including cataracts, Alzheimer's, and renal failure.

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The sugar Sandwick uses in his research—ribose-5-phosphate—is nowhere near as abundant in the human body as glucose. But it reacts so much faster to amino acids that Maillard compounds are produced at a much higher, and potentially damaging, rate. How much faster? If you take glucose and mix it with amino acid, explains Sandwick, it would take weeks for it to make any type of brown compound. Mix amino acids with ribose-5-phosphate and the reaction occurs in just three or four hours. "I'm interested in knowing if this intense reaction is producing any potentially toxic compounds," he says, "and how dangerous they might be."

The process is so complicated, explains Sandwick, that most of the reaction remains a mystery. "It's not a one-step reaction. You don't go from A to B," says Elizabeth Breuer '05, who found the Maillard reaction so interesting she chose it as the subject of her senior thesis. "There are countless variations, infinite numbers of concentrations and temperatures. That's why it's such a complicated reaction." Breuer filled more than 2,000 test tubes during the year, mixing sugar with different types of amino acids, testing them every two hours, and recording her findings. "You could literally see it turning brown, which is so cool," says Breuer.

Breuer, who is headed for a career in medicine, is passionate about the Maillard reaction. "The research showed me that there are so many things in the body that can react with each other; we'll just never understand it all," she says. "That's the beauty—and the frustration—of it. The two go hand in hand." The work was not easy, Breuer admits. "But the great thing about Roger is that he really lets the scientific process play itself out. He gives you the freedom to design your own experiments—and lets you screw up multiple times, fine-tuning them for your own good. He gave me the courage to go out there and think about why things were happening."

SOME KIDS DREAM about playing baseball. Sandwick used to dream about science. What would it be like, he tried to imagine, to win a Nobel Prize? Years later, as he pursues his Maillard reaction research, he knows his work is not likely to win a Nobel Prize. Like countless other dedicated scientists, he has learned that a life devoted to research has very little to do with the hope of winning recognition—and everything to do with the satisfaction of simply working at the puzzle.

It's what keeps him returning to the lab again and again—and to the classroom. There's nothing he likes better than prodding students to find answers to their questions, listening to the latest update on their own lab work, and sharing discoveries or disappointments from his own research. Over and over again, in countless ways, he tells them the same thing: Good research takes patience. Moments of discovery can be few and far between. But they will come—if you keep your eyes open and pay attention. Keep working. Delight in the pursuit. For there's something satisfying in just that—knowing that there's always another puzzle at hand, waiting to be solved.

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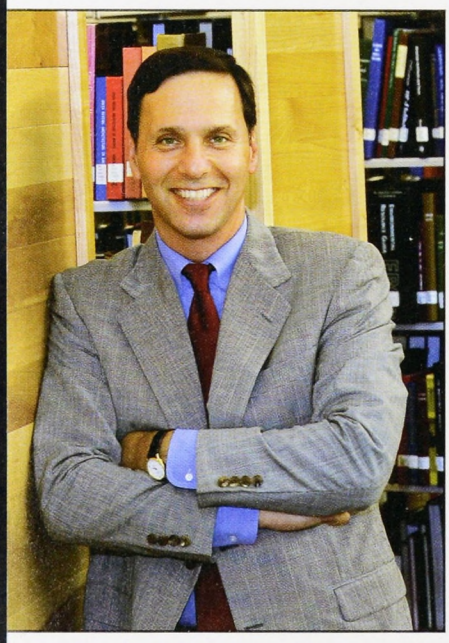
Make for Yourself a Teacher

The learning process is examined in a baccalaureate address to the Class of 2005.

BY PRESIDENT RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ



THE TITLE OF TODAY'S ADDRESS, "Make for Yourself a Teacher," refers to a profound and enduring component of the human experience—the role that students and teachers play in the process of learning. The phrase comes from the *Mishna*, which is the body of Jewish religious law used and preserved in oral form until it was codified in the year 200.

"Make for Yourself a Teacher" is in that section of the *Mishna* called "Ethics of the Fathers," which has generated thousands of years' worth of commentary representing moral advice and wisdom of rabbinic scholars across many generations—wisdom that has been defined as "spiritual, yet practical," and characteristically contains a contrarian viewpoint that invites more questions and more contemplation about the subject matter.

"Make for Yourself a Teacher" adds a distinctive twist to our own received wisdom about the way the relationship between teachers and students makes learning possible. Rather than focusing on the devotion and brilliance that allows great teachers to spark a student's mind, the phrase from the *Mishna* illuminates the talent students must have for taking responsibility for their own learning, a talent that drives them to seek out guidance from people around them.

Now, why should you, college seniors, who have just completed your undergraduate educations, care, at this moment, about various interpretations and insights about the role of students and teachers in the learning process? You should care because understanding the richness and dynamics of learning as embodied in the roles played by students and teachers is what should give you the greatest confidence that you will succeed in the world as you leave Middlebury.

Through the dedication of a faculty intensely committed to undergraduate education and to the belief that small-scale human interaction is the best way to educate and learn, you have been able to hone crucial skills for your post-graduate pursuits.

You have completed a rigorous curriculum that required you to study a discipline in depth. This in-depth study over a four-year period, guided by engaged faculty mentors, who sought to challenge you at every turn, means you have mastered a subject matter and accumulated a body of knowledge that you can claim as your own and use to form perspectives on important issues related to our physical and human worlds.

You have engaged a wide range of subject matter that introduced you to different modes of thinking and different approaches to knowledge. In some schools, these requirements are referred to as "general education"; yet, our faculty views the chance to share their intellectual passion through these introductory courses with great enthusiasm. As a result, you have attained a degree of breadth in your education necessary for retaining your self-confidence as you encounter new and unexpected world views.

You have also been exposed to humankind's great diversity through our cultures and civilizations requirement. Our faculty, like our curriculum in general, is highly internationalized. Their deep knowledge and familiarity with the subject matter, and their direct engagement with you, have stimulated your thinking and advanced your understanding of cultures different from your own, as well as provided you with

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a new context for thinking openly and critically about your own backgrounds and identities.

Through your intense work with faculty you have become skilled communicators, able to articulate arguments to support your opinions, based on initial questions, rigorous analysis, and careful thought. Your writing courses demanded multiple drafts, brought critical commentary from your professors, and should leave you confident to comment on a wide array of complex issues and to communicate persuasively their significance to others.

And you have learned to become excellent problem-solvers, through numerous student-faculty collaborative research opportunities. You have learned how to get at the meaning of things previously unknown to you, be it understanding the texts of ancient Rome and their relevance across the centuries, or why cells divide as they do under certain conditions. Working side-by-side with your professors has given you invaluable experience and insight into how to solve problems, something that will stay with you regardless of the professions you choose following graduation.

These are all outcomes of the intensive human interaction that is characteristic of a liberal arts education, which should give you great confidence as you move forward as an informed and active citizen.

But the real foundation of this confidence will become evident as you think about what it means to "Make for Yourself a Teacher." As one rabbinic interpretation explains: "'Make for Yourself a Teacher' suggests that one does not look for a teacher who is perfect and who matches one's own personality and abilities.... Rather, one notes the strengths of the teacher and learns from those strengths, 'making' them your teacher by your effort to uncover what they have to offer."

In other words, making for oneself a teacher is fundamentally an active process. It requires each of us—each of you—to figure out how those around us might have the expertise necessary to fulfill our needs for guidance.

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As a teacher, I have seen the process by which students develop the capacity to turn peers into teachers. The discussion section in large introductory lecture classes provides a good training ground for students to learn how to engage fellow students. The format of the class provides a natural progression: the lecture portion of the course has the faculty member conveying foundational information to a large group, followed by a small discussion section, where students engage one another, exploring and testing new ideas. This enables the students to hear classmates' ideas, which begins the process of learning from others.

Advanced seminar classes provide another venue for collaborative learning; one in which there is far less input from the expert faculty member. Students engage one another with more expertise than before, finding what is useful and necessary for the deepening of their own understanding of subject matter through the unexpected insights of classmates. Engagement, disagreement, and the formulation of new ideas and questions occur in a learning environment that requires a more active kind of learning that is the key component of making teachers for oneself throughout one's life.

And independent work, where students work closely with faculty advisers—either in the laboratory or on an essay, artistic production, or thesis project—is perhaps the most significant way students learn how to engage another individual as a teacher. The bulk of information and creativity related to the subject is the student's, so the student is learning to seek out challenges to their own expertise, thereby enriching their knowledge.

These examples are all tied to the College's academic program, but the opportunities at places like Middlebury to learn how to "Make for Yourself a Teacher" extend to the non-academic program, as well. Building organizations from scratch, such as the College's fully student run organic garden; conceiving of and organizing large benefits, such as the recent *Relay for Life* in support of cancer research; establishing student reading groups, such as Hillel's weekly Torah study; creating new opportunities for cultural engagement, such as the Riddim world dance group; and learning teamwork, such as one's participation in athletics, have offered all of you a remarkable array of opportunities to learn how to learn from others, in these cases your fellow students, making for yourselves teachers a natural part of your life.

Perhaps the most visible campuswide sign that many of you are already implementing the skills you have been honing inside and outside the classroom is the large gathering that took place in McCullough less than two weeks ago. That meeting, which brought together at least 250 students, was generated by campus protests regarding diversity issues that many found troubling and in need of community engagement and action. Though emotions ran high at times, the two-and-a-half-hour collective expression of concern and protest was civil, and the way in which students challenged the president and fellow students reflected deep and honest engagement among those who shared similar and different perspectives and were willing to hear the differences

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Impossible to fit into just one category, the music of Philip Hamilton '82 has spanned many genres—from jazz to R&B, doo-wop to calypso.

And he's just added one more.

Philip Hamilton Has the Blues

On a balmy autumn evening, a small, somewhat apathetic crowd has lounged through two acts at Ryle's Jazz Club, a venerable night spot in Cambridge, Massachusetts, when Philip Hamilton '82 and his ensemble take the stage to polite but unenthusiastic applause. It's the kind of night—the kind of house—that often tempts musicians to go through the motions and quickly wrap things up, before grabbing the check and hurrying out the door.

It's evident from the outset, however, that Hamilton is not one of those musicians.

With his longtime collaborator, Barry Marshall, and his college friend John Mason '84 backing him on guitar, Hamilton seizes the moment as if it's standing room only inside Ryle's.

"If you love me Lord, you will set me free, 'cause my mind is chained to the way it's supposed to be . . ."

Hamilton's high resonant tenor fills the room. Soon all eyes are glued to the bald, cocoa-skinned man singing and rhythmically tapping a talking drum nestled in the crook of his left arm. The audience, which had been decidedly nonchalant just moments before, is completely engaged now.

As Hamilton rolls through several selections from his most recent release, *Blues, Rhythm, Rhythm and Blues*, he exhibits his extensive vocal repertoire, his voice ranging through musical genres that include R&B, jazz, blues, and what can best be described as eclectic.

"There's a story behind each song, so when you buy the new CD and take it home, you'll know what I'm talking about," Hamilton quips to the audience, which has continued to warm to his ebullient personality and the band's sinuous treatment of his work. By the time Hamilton and his cohorts complete their 45-minute set, there is not a trace of nonchalance left in the club.

"It's always fun to play with Philip," Marshall says later. "He knows how to grab an audience's attention. As a musician on stage with him, you know it's going to be a successful show."

The next morning, Hamilton sits at a small kitchen table in his childhood home, a two-story wood-frame house in a working-class neighborhood of Medford, Massachusetts. He's characteristically upbeat about the previous evening's performance, which was part of the annual NEMO Music Showcase, featuring nominees and winners of the 2004 Boston Music Awards. It was the first time that Hamilton, a nominee for best blues act, had performed selections from *Blues, Rhythm, Rhythm and Blues* before a live audience. (He has twice been nominated for outstanding jazz vocalist.)

"It was great to see the music come alive in a club setting," he says, leaning back in his chair. "One thing I learned from musicians like Pat Metheny and LaVerne Baker is that you have to interact with your audience. Even if you're feeling bad, you have to talk to them and make that connection."

During the two decades since he graduated from Middlebury, Hamilton has been connecting with audiences and fellow musicians on four continents as a vocalist, percussionist, and composer, though his mother says he's been performing far longer than that.

"He never cried when he was a baby," Millicent Hamilton says, smiling at her youngest child, who is seated at her right side, clasping her tiny hand. "He was always humming or singing to himself. I can still see him, holding onto the bars of the crib, lost in his own little world."

The sounds of reggae, R&B, calypso and soca were a familiar and constant presence in the Hamilton household when Philip and his three siblings were growing up. (A cousin, who performs under the name Arrow, wrote the soca hit "Hot, Hot, Hot," made famous when parodied by Buster Poindexter in the late 1980s.) Millicent Hamilton and her husband Kermit—whose families emigrated from Jamaica and Montserrat, respectively—strove hard to impart the values of hard work, charity, and tolerance to their children. Hamilton attended Catholic schools for his early education and says he doesn't remember paying much attention to the race or ethnicity of his schoolmates. "I had as many white friends as black friends," he recalls.

Hamilton's awareness of social complexities began when he entered Medford High School during the mid-1970s, when the Boston metropolitan area convulsed with racial tensions in the aftermath of court-ordered busing to desegregate public schools.

A partial discography

As leader

> *Blues, Rhythm, Rhythm and Blues* (Montenegro Records)

> *Maya* (Montenegro Records)

> *Ezekiel's Wheel* (Montenegro Records)

> *Philip Hamilton Live* (Montenegro Records)

As a collaborator or supporting musician

> *Home Away from Home*, Dee Carstensen (Exit Nine Records)

> *Touch*, Bill Evans (Zebra)

> *The New York Rock and Soul Review*, Donald Fagen, Michael McDonald, Boz Scaggs, Phoebe Snow, and others (Warner Brother Records)

> *Live at Carnegie Hall*, The Flying Elephants New Sound Workshop (King Records)

> *Myth America*, Full Circle (Columbia/Sony Records)

> *Secret Stories*, Full Circle (Columbia/Sony Records)

> *Sony Records Jazzy Christmas Recordings*, Full Circle, Harry Connick Jr., Branford Marsalis, Wynton Marsalis, Nancy Wilson (Columbia/Sony Records)

> *Hark the Rock and Rollers Sing*, Philip Hamilton, Peter Wolf, Aimee Mann (Beantown Records)

> *A Brighter Day*, Ronnie Jordan (Blue Note)

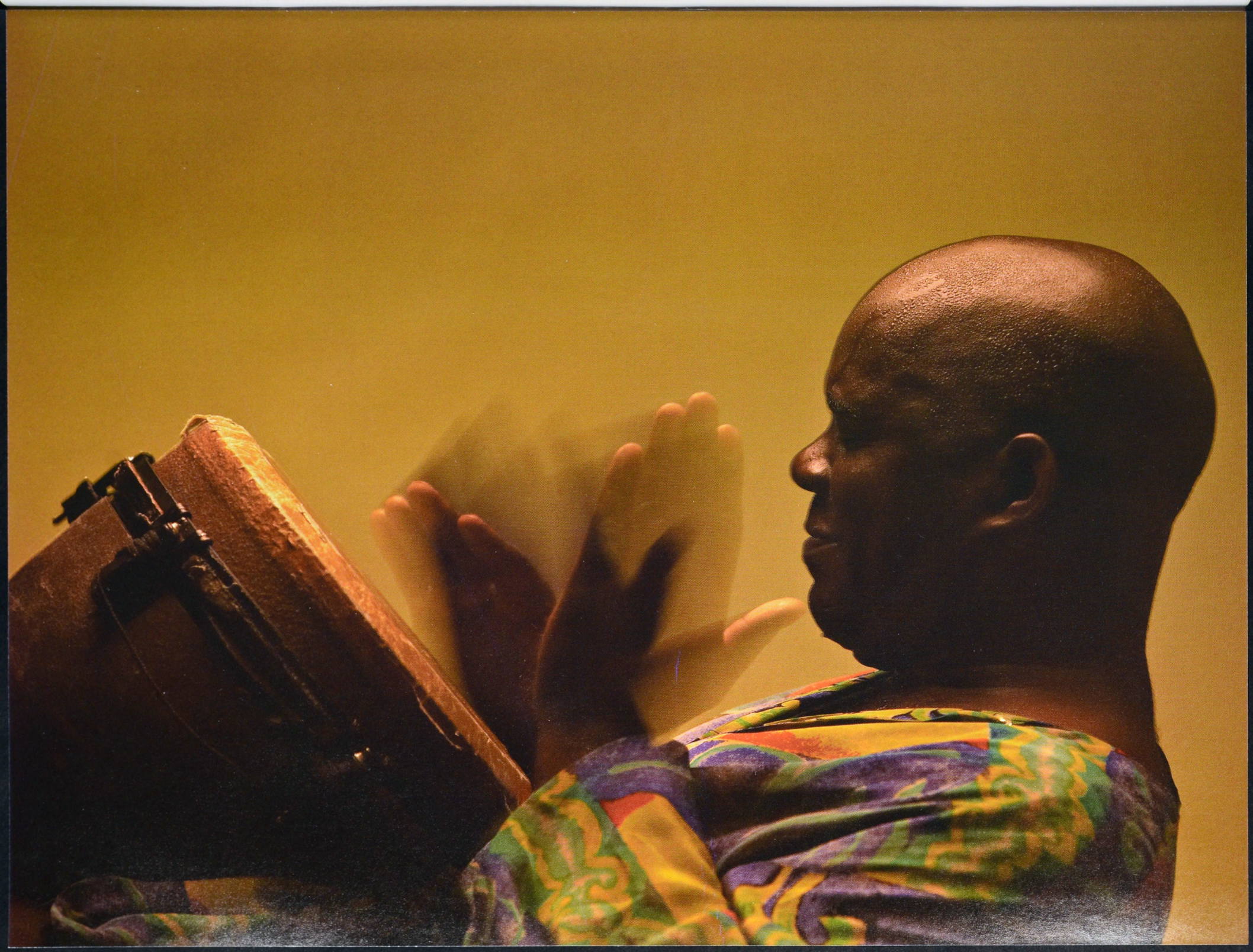
> *Jewels*, Chieli Minucci (JVC Records)

> *Taxi Lunatic*, Sixun (Polygram)

> *Feel the Music*, Spyro Gyra (Windham Hill)

Videography

> Imaginary Day, Pat Metheny Group (Pioneer Video)



After seeing Hamilton perform with Full Circle, one reviewer was moved to write,

"Bravo, especially to singer and drummer Philip Hamilton. His solo . . . drew the loudest cheers of the night, and proved that with sheer creativity, you can conquer the world with a whisper."

"Nearly every day, I'd hear stories about this black person being beaten somewhere or about fights breaking out between blacks and whites," he says.

Even as a teenager, Hamilton considered himself to be a world citizen. He was eager to meet people of different backgrounds and experiences and just as eager to reach across any divide or gulf that may have been imposed on him or his classmates. High school proved to be a rude shock.

"I found myself in situations where I had to choose to be with black friends or white friends," says Hamilton. "Sometimes I had more in common with Latino kids or white kids. I didn't look at you as if you were black or white, I looked at you as a guy who played bass in my band or played for my lacrosse team." Consequently, Hamilton viewed his acceptance at Middlebury with a "big sigh of relief."

"I ended up spending every summer up there," he says. "At Middlebury, I found people with similar interests, but I also ended up listening to styles of music I had never listened to before." Although Hamilton thrived in Middlebury's artistic environment, he decided to major in political science in addition to music. "It was the West Indian mentality, the notion that I needed to have something practical to fall back on," he explains. "Also, I thought that as a black man, the world wouldn't take me as seriously if I was solely a music major."

Political science professor David Rosenberg was Hamilton's academic adviser, and he says that he recognized Hamilton's potential immediately.

"I remember well my first distinct impression of Phil," Rosenberg recalls. "It was during the first discussion meeting of Political Science 103, Introduction to Comparative Politics, and we were doing a simulation about power and authority. Phil very quickly figured out the problem and came up with a creative solution that attracted widespread support from the class. It was clear then he had an aptitude for leadership. It wasn't until later in the year that I learned about his musical talent."

Leroy Nesbitt '82, now a senior adviser for institutional diversity at Middlebury, met Hamilton during a three-week orientation session before their freshman year. "It was obvious after a short period of time that Philip had artistic talent the rest of us just did not have," Nesbitt says. "He's also the kind of person that when he walks into a room, people tend to watch him."

His classmate's leadership skills combined with his sense of humor were needed, Nesbitt says, when frictions developed among different groups of students during the late 1970s and early 1980s. "There were difficult moments when Philip's levity helped to make clear to everybody involved what the problem was and that we needed to find a way to resolve it quickly and move on with our lives," he says. "And we did."

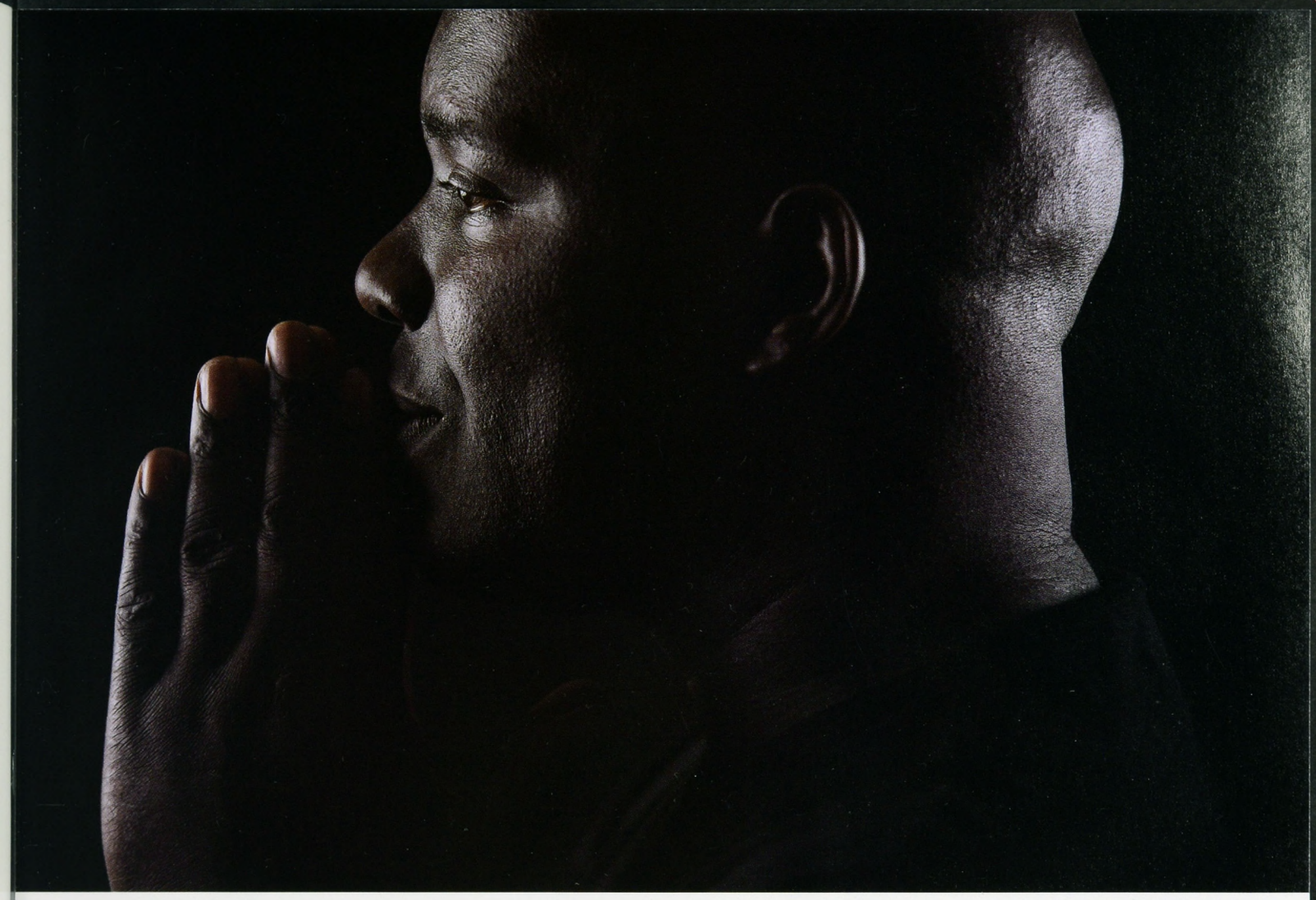
After graduation, Hamilton returned to the Boston area, where he started taking classes at the Berklee College of Music and the Longy School of Music. At the same time, he worked in administrative positions at the Massachusetts Council for Arts and Humanities, and later, the New England Foundation for the Arts. He continued to hone his skills by performing with various musicians, most prominently with the jazz-fusion ensemble Full Circle. The group garnered several awards, including Best Jazz Group at the San Sebastian Jazz Festival, and two Best Group Album/Major Label awards at the Boston Music Awards. After seeing Hamilton perform with Full Circle, one reviewer was moved to write, "Bravo, especially to singer and drummer Philip Hamilton. His solo . . . drew the loudest cheers of the night, and proved that with sheer creativity, you can conquer the world with a whisper."

It was during this period that Hamilton met Marshall, who was a songwriter, guitarist, and producer in Boston. Marshall was preparing to produce a few songs featuring the legendary rhythm and blues singer LaVerne Baker for the soundtrack of the film *Dick Tracy*. When Marshall became Baker's musical director, he invited Hamilton to join the band for a tour of Europe.

Something clicked between the two singers, and soon Hamilton was not only opening Baker's show, he was joining the aging, but still formidable, chanteuse for a few duets, Hamilton's high tenor contextually overlapping with Baker's husky one.

"LaVerne and Philip are the two singers I've worked with whom I consider to be geniuses, especially at phrasing," says Marshall, who has worked with the likes of Peter Wolf, Ben E. King, Aimee Mann, and Steve Forbert. Hamilton, he claims, is one of the "most fabulous singers of all time. He's similar to the best Motown singers, sort of a combination of Eddie Kendricks and David Ruffin. He can do almost anything vocally."

After Baker and her ensemble returned from Europe, she and Hamilton resumed performing in and around New York City. A six-month stand at a Manhattan nightclub in the late 1980s attracted the attention of the pop-rock glitterati, most notably Steely Dan cofounder Donald Fagen. Roughly halfway through Steely Dan's 20-year hiatus from recording, Fagen had assembled the New York Rock and Soul Revue, a tribute to the rhythm and blues singers of the 1950s and early 1960s, who held court at Manhattan's Beacon Theater and featured such guest artists as



Michael McDonald, Boz Scaggs, Charles Brown, Phoebe Snow, and Felix Cavaliere. After seeing Hamilton wow audiences, singing with Baker, Fagen invited him on board.

"What a high *that* was," Hamilton says, a grin spreading across his expressive face. "All of a sudden I'm singing on stage with Donald Fagen,"—here Hamilton breaks into a falsetto riff, *"More leisure for artists everywhere,"* from Fagen's solo hit, *I.G.Y.* (Hamilton's association with the notoriously sardonic Fagen afforded him the opportunity to do something that should make him the envy of Steely Dan fans everywhere—explore the singer-songwriter's music collection. What did he find? "Music by folks like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and lots of blues.")

Hamilton thought the New York Rock and Soul Revue would be the pinnacle of his career, but that was before joining the Pat Metheny Group the following year. He joined the ensemble for its 1997–98 Imaginary Day tour. A multiple-Grammy-winning guitarist, Metheny has long employed backup musicians who must be adept at several different instruments; so Hamilton not only sang and played percussion but also performed on guitar and trumpet. "My trumpet playing was weak," he laughs. "They had me pretty low in the mix."

Concurrent with his evolving vocal career, Hamilton made a name for himself as a composer and collaborator with choreographers, such as Judith Jamison, Ron Brown, and Danny Buraczeski. He was also the composer for the musical *How the World Got Wisdom*, which is based on African folktales, and composed the theme to the Emmy award-winning PBS television series, *Say Brother*.

As the summer season dawns, Hamilton is in his usual buoyant mood, eager to charge ahead with several projects that he has underway. He will perform in choreographer Rennie Harris's latest work, *Facing Mecca*; his band, the Philip Hamilton Group, is preparing to go on tour; and there are always continued demands of his nonprofit organization, One Voice Productions, through which Hamilton teaches workshops at various arts programs.

He's also trying to find time to commit to an idea that's been percolating for a while: composing a new musical that would showcase a broad range of singing styles, including Gregorian chant, a cappella, barbershop quartets, doo-wop, even Tuvan throat singing. "The idea is motivated by my love of the human voice and what it can do," says Hamilton. "I want to do for the voice what *Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk* did for tap dancing or what *Def Poetry Jam* did for poetry."

In the fall, two live DVDs will be released, *Vocalworks*, a revue of Hamilton's theatrical oeuvre, directed by his childhood neighbor Calvin Lindsay '83, and *Philip Hamilton Live*, filmed at a performance in Lithuania last year.

The interests and motivations sparked by his Middlebury experience are as powerful as ever. "Middlebury was fertile ground for my artistic vision," Hamilton says. "This is what I do. I'm a creator. I can't help it."

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The Girl in the hat

By Holly Hertberg '93
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Coming of Age in the Third Annual Fiction Contest

There was this girl at the lake where Danny sold hot dogs his first summer in upstate New York, this girl who wore a big-brimmed floppy hat with a wide black ribbon hanging down from it. Danny saw her and her hat and thought to himself, if I could talk to her, I could do anything.

But for a while he just watched her as she sat on her white plastic chair, the kind that sold for 10 dollars at Kmart, her arms deep red-brown like stained wood, the brim of her hat flopping over her face. He could see her profile and the long brown hair that came out of her hat and over her shoulders. He thought maybe he would bring her a Coke from the snack bar during his break and sit down on the sand beside her and ask her her name. He thought she might like that, she looked like the type of girl—long and lean and graceful—who might appreciate something like that. They would sit there, the two of them, drinking Cokes and looking out over the lake with the flashing windsurfers and the diving birds, and then he could do anything.

He waited a long time to talk to her. The stretch of sand between the ketchup-stained counter and the white plastic chair seemed almost insurmountable, and he wasn't sure yet that he could do it. She wasn't moving, except for the flapping of her hat, a still life among the cartwheeling kids and the Frisbee players, and he began to wonder if maybe she was asleep.

He couldn't go talk to her if she was asleep. He had to be careful, handle the approach perfectly. He was the new kid there, as he had always been the new kid everywhere, and he knew about the delicacy of his position. One wrong move, one too-sudden approach, and he would be a marked man. There would be a group of giggling girls in skimpy bikinis, their hair shining in the sun and skin smelling like coconut, looking at him and whispering, "That's the guy who accosted Wendy." No, this time he had to be careful not to make the mistakes he had made before.

In Coronado it had been the blue bicycle he rode to school, the one with the basket on it that he had bought because it reminded him of an Italian movie he had seen. When he rode it he remembered the blue of the sea and the narrow roads lined by leaning buildings and the fresh baked loaves of bread that the men in white linen had in their baskets, and it had seemed to him a real thing of beauty. The kids at his new school had laughed at it and called him wicker boy, and he never lived that name down the

whole nine months he was there. He sat at lunch with the boys in the chess club with the cowlicks and uncooperative limbs but never really made friends with them.

In Arlington, it was his violin. His music teacher insisted he play a solo during the orchestra recital. While he played, knees shaking and forehead sweating under the lights, he could hear how good he was, how he had played it the way that Boccherini had meant it to be played. And even while his fingers slid over the strings and his heart swelled as it couldn't help but swell with the grace of the music, he knew that he had just sealed his doom. When he took his bow to the sounds of bored applause, he wanted to cry. He could not see the faces through the blinding stage lights, but he knew what was there in front of him.

And so this time, in this place, it would be different. He would wait for the right time to talk to her, all summer if he had to. Right now it was enough to look across the sand to where she blotted out a little part of the lake, her flapping hat giving him glimpses at something perfect.

Brian Sturdevant worked with Danny at the snack bar and came in for the lunch rush. He was a tall kid, wiry and strong and stretched-out looking. His eyes were small but very green, and they flashed when he laughed. He was always talking and Danny liked him. Brian knew a lot of the kids at the lake and they came up to see him, leaning against the counter and folding their dollars in their hands while they talked. They called him Sturdevant, drawing out the first syllable. Danny had met a few kids through Brian, even though Brian usually forgot to introduce him. Danny would stand back from the counter while Brian and his friends talked, trying to think of something to say.

When there was no one else at the counter, Brian would talk to Danny and tell him stories about the kids who had come up, vaguely mentioning parties he'd take Danny to. Danny thought Brian was a good person to know and wanted Brian to like him, so he thought very carefully about everything he said to him.

When Brian came in the day that Danny had spotted the girl in the hat, Danny was taking some hamburgers from the grill and putting them under the warming lamp.

"Hey, man," Brian said, pulling a stained apron from his backpack and wrapping it loosely around his waist. "How's business?"

"Slow," Danny said.

Brian reached into his backpack and put a six-pack of beer into the cooler.

"Want one?" He held a can out to Danny.

"Sure," he said. He took the beer and the cold metal felt good on his hands. He hadn't expected the North to be so hot. He had always pictured it lying somewhere underneath a foot of snow, bleak and desolate, the sky indistinguishable from the ground. But now it seemed vibrant, lit up by the summer sun and the glinting water.

Brian pulled himself up onto a stool and rested one foot on the edge of the counter. He let out a long sigh. "Hair of the dog," he said, pulling the tab on his beer and putting his ear up to it to listen to the fizz. "Now this is how work should be."

Danny sat on the other stool and opened his beer. He took a long drink and put the can between his knees. He felt suddenly very happy.

"I went to this party last night," Brian said. "This guy Muzz—he was here yesterday—the guy with the tattoo?"

Danny nodded. He remembered him. He had come up for a hot dog with a cute blonde in a blue bathing suit. Brian had given Muzz the hot dog for free and flirted with the girl, snapping her bathing suit strap. When Brian's fingers had pulled the tight fabric away from her skin, Danny could see a thin, faint line of white where the strap had been flash and then disappear. She had giggled and rubbed her shoulder and pointed a finger at him. "Brian Sturdevant," she had said, just his name, but Danny felt a little twinge of envy anyway. Had a girl ever said his name like that?

"Muzz's parents went to Colorado for the week and he's been partying since they left. You should see his house. Trashed. The whole pool," he stretched his arms out wide, "full of empties."

Brian laughed and put his beer up to the back of his neck. "Maybe we'll go there tonight. You want to? You have to get some beer, it's bring your own, but I've got my brother's ID."

"Sure," Danny said. He smiled, maybe too widely he thought, but he couldn't help it.

Brian reached into his pocket and pulled out his wallet. He held up the fake ID so Danny could see it.

"Look at that. We don't even look alike, but there's this place over on Central that doesn't care. As long as you've got something laminated, they sell to you."

An older woman, sixty maybe, Danny thought, with graying hair pushed back by a headband and one of those bathing suits with a skirt, came up to the counter. Danny and Brian hid their beers under the counter quickly and stood up.

"How can I help you, ma'am?" Brian asked, smiling and leaning forward across the counter.

"I'll have a hot dog," she said, smiling back at him.

"At your service." Brian turned and took a hot dog out of the warmer and wrapped it in a napkin. He handed it to her and took her money and called after her, "Now you wear your sunscreen, you hear?"

Danny could hear the woman laugh as she stepped carefully across the hot sand to her towel.

"You are a salesman," Danny said, looking down to where Brian was kneeling down, retrieving the beer.

"You have to know what people want." His grin cut lines into his face and made it look even sharper. "You see a woman like that, alone at the beach in the middle of the week, and you know she wants a smile and a wink from some young stud like me."

Danny rolled his eyes but he laughed. He took the can that Brian held out to him and looked out at the beach to where the girl in the hat was sitting. She was moving now, getting up and stretching her arms. She started walking down to the water. She was like one of those women in old movies with her hat and her slow walk, each step a small triumph. It was like listening to music, watching her walk, and he felt the same longing that he did when in those great symphonies the music paused for a moment before starting up again. It wasn't a longing for her exactly, but for something that was around her, something that she could bring to him.

The girl in the blue bathing suit from the day before came up to the counter and Brian handed her his beer. The girl drank it in slow sips, looking at Brian as she drank it. Her fingernails were long and painted bright red and stood out against the silver can. Danny smiled once at her, but she didn't seem to notice; so he looked back out at the girl down by the lake. She was standing calf-high in water, her hand on her hat to keep it from flying off. A little farther behind her, a boy and a girl were wrestling in the water, the girl's shrieks high-pitched and punctuated with laughter. A group of teenagers walked by the girl in the hat, but she didn't seem to notice them. She stayed still, standing in the water and holding onto her hat, looking past the swimmers to where the boats passed by. Then he watched her turn, walk out of the water, and go back to her spot on the beach. She leaned over her chair and picked up a bright pink bag, and he realized suddenly, like someone had hit him with it, that she was walking up toward him. He watched her as she came closer, and he saw that she was beautiful like he had imagined, tan and smooth-skinned, with a thin face, not sharp like Brian's, but delicate looking.

She came to the counter, and she glanced at him and then looked past him at the chalkboard with the menu written on it.

"I'll have a Jimmy Cone," she said. He liked her voice. It was quiet and kind of low, and even ordering an ice cream it sounded musical.

"OK," he said. "Coming right up," he added, because it sounded like something Brian would say.

He reached for the ice cream in the cooler, behind the six-pack of beer. He turned to her, waiting for something to come to him, anything, and handed her the ice cream over the counter. He looked over at Brian, hoping he would recognize her and start a conversation. Brian was curling a piece of the blonde girl's hair around his finger and the blonde girl was tapping her red fingernails on the counter and acting bored.

"It's $1.50," Danny said, smiling at the girl in the hat.

She unzipped her purse and pulled out a handful of change. "You're new here, right?" she asked as she counted out the coins.

"Yeah," he said. "I just moved here."

He watched her place the coins down on the counter one by one. Her hands were tan and there were lots of silver rings on her fingers that flashed as her hands moved.

"Where are you from?" she asked. She pushed the pile of coins toward him, mostly nickels and dimes, and he swept them off the counter into his hands.

"Lots of places, but Virginia last. My dad's in the military."

"I went to Virginia on a school trip," she said, taking the wrapper off the ice cream cone. "We went first to D.C. and then we went and saw Monticello."

"It's pretty, isn't it?"

"I liked the flowers. The house. The whole place. We had to walk up that long driveway because the shuttle bus had broken down, and when we were walking up there I kept thinking how incredible it must have been to ride up there on horseback like Jefferson would have, looking over into the valley and the mountains, and to know that it was all yours. All yours but kind of not yours, you know?" She licked off the ice cream that was melting down the cone.

She was like one of those women in old movies with her hat and her slow walk, each step a small triumph.

He nodded and smiled and she smiled back. He realized suddenly that she hadn't disappointed him; she was everything that she had hinted at from the plastic chair. He put the coins in his left hand and stretched out his right. Now. Now it was OK to approach. "I'm Danny," he said.

"Sarah." She smiled again and her hand felt smooth and warm.

"Hey," the blonde said, moving over towards them and leaning her shoulder against the counter. "Nice hat."

Sarah dropped her hand and looked briefly at the ground and then over at the blonde. "Thank you," she said.

The blonde moved closer, almost stepping on Sarah's feet. "Can I try it on?" It wasn't really a question. She glanced quickly at Brian and gave him a little smile.

Sarah shrugged and took off the hat slowly. The blonde took the hat and pulled it onto her head so that the brim was just above her eyes.

"What do you think?" she asked, putting both of her hands on top of her head. She posed for Brian and then for Danny. Danny thought she looked like a little girl playing dress-up, a beautiful and self-conscious child in front of her mother's mirror. The hat did not fit her, and it suddenly seemed a ridiculous thing to be wearing at the beach.

The blonde strutted around in front of the booth and then stopped, suddenly very serious, and laid her arms flat out on the counter, her head drooping to her chest. "I'm simply *parched*," she said. "Might I have just a *touch* of tea?"

"Coming right up," Brian said, making a show of pouring tea from an imaginary teapot.

The blonde giggled and took the hat off. She handed it back to Sarah and smoothed down her hair. "I just love it," she said.

Sarah took the hat and held it in her free hand. The ribbon hung limp in the heat. She stood motionless for a moment, looking at Danny, and then she took a step backwards. There was a long trail of ice cream on her arm, dripping down at the elbow. "Thank you," she said. She turned around, and it seemed to Danny that her steps had become awkward and halting, like she was walking on stilts.

The blonde groaned and rubbed the top of her head. "I'd better go in the water and wash my hair off," she said. "Who *knows* what's living in that hat."

Brian looked over at Danny. "She wears that hat every day. She goes to our school."

"She's a freak," the blonde added. "She doesn't have any friends and she just walks around wearing that dumb hat all day. She thinks she's Mary Poppins or something."

Danny wanted to tell her that it wasn't Mary Poppins that she looked like, but Audrey Hepburn or a woman in one of Monet's paintings, but he didn't. He looked down at the counter, inspecting the names carved into the wood. He had wondered on slow days who these names belonged to, what their stories were, how their names had gotten written deep and permanent into the splintering planks. Their names had seemed interesting, full of possibilities. Now, in this oppressive midday heat, feeling the smell of hamburgers seeping into his T-shirt, he couldn't understand how a few jagged letters carved into wood could have seemed anything but stupid and ordinary.

For a while he listened to Brian and the blonde girl talk about Muzz's party. He watched the girls who came to get sodas and sips of beer, light matches for their cigarettes. He knew he would not talk to the girl in the hat again, just as he knew she did not expect him to. He would go with Brian to buy beer with the fake ID and he would go to the party and drink beer and swim in Muzz's pool and try to make something out of his life here. He would not think again about the girl or the violin or the blue bicycle except to wonder how it had happened that he had never learned to see things the way other people must have seen them, meaningless and empty, the sky indistinguishable from the ground.

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About the Judge

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Judge's Comments

Not surprisingly, coming-of-age stories dominated the submissions to the Middlebury fiction contest, and many of them were quite strong and moving. Of all these, "The Girl in the Hat," though a simple story, was most resonant. In it, a boy notices a girl and knows that if she notices him back, his life will be made. It's such an accessible sentiment, so full of longing and hope, that the reader is carried along with it. The boy's feelings become the reader's feelings, and the emotional weight of the story spreads and gathers strength. In addition to its poignant moments, the story has some lovely descriptions, places where the emotions embedded in the work find their true expression. This is also true of the very strong runner-up story, "A Man's Lesson," in which a boy's self-flaggellating desire for an older girl is felt not only by him, but by his little sister, who wishes—hope against hope—nothing less than his untortured happiness.

Both the winning entry and the runner-up story—"A Man's Lesson" by MaryJane Bancroft, French '86—also appear on the Web at *www.middleburymagazine.org*.

Biology instructor Matt Landis is attempting to unravel one of the great mysteries of the northern woods

Survival of the Fittest?

[By Tim Etchells '74]

On a day in early June, on the west flank of Mt. Abraham above Lincoln, Vermont, sun streams through a break in the forest canopy. On the ground, Matt Landis shoulders his way through a "dog-hair" fir thicket, where dozens of balsam fir saplings are packed into a space no larger than an average living room.

Landis, an associate in science instruction with Middlebury's biology department, points to one of the taller young trees, just above head-high, and demonstrates how you can measure annual growth by the distance between what are called terminal bud scars, basically marks on the trunk that indicate where a tree stopped growing during a given season; it appears the tree has grown about eight inches in the past year.

And then he stoops to examine a small tree, barely three feet tall—and, Landis says, already doomed. You can see the smaller trees are growing more slowly, their crowns flatter than those of their taller brethren, mostly because they're losing out in the competition for light. "They'll never catch up," he says, "never reach the canopy. It's funny to think that we already know what's going to happen to these trees, even though it might take 25 or 30 years."

A Walk in the Woods
A simple forest stroll with Matt Landis affords the opportunity for an engrossing botany lesson. With a glance, he can identify five different species of moss growing on a 30-year-old tree stump.

This summer, Landis, his biology department colleague Associate Professor Andrea Lloyd, and two Middlebury students, Sarah Fortin '07 and Alyse Forrest '06, will spend a lot of time on Mt. Abe, looking at hundreds of young trees. They'll be trying to explain a phenomenon familiar to anyone who's spent time hiking in, skiing on, or even just gazing up at the Green Mountains: there's one kind of forest on the lower slopes and another on the steeper, rockier, colder upper reaches. Deciduous trees, mostly American beech, sugar maple, and yellow birch, predominate up to an elevation of about 2,500 feet; above that, the forest becomes mostly coniferous, home to red spruce and balsam fir, and some hardy mountain paper birch.

The data that the Middlebury researchers collect this summer, and follow up on in subsequent summers, could eventually help answer questions not only about why there are different forests at different elevations, but also what climate change, a.k.a. global warming, will mean for the future of all our forests. Figuring out the underlying causes of range limits for various species "assumes more importance given a changing climate," Landis says. "How will forests respond?"

In addition to studying saplings, mostly trees less than seven feet tall, throughout their ranges on the side of the mountain, the Middlebury crew will spend a lot of time this summer in "gaps," open spaces in the forest canopy created by disturbances such as wind, ice damage, logging, and fires. The trees that grow fastest in these light-filled gaps, the ones that get to the canopy first, are the winners.

During his early June visit to Mt. Abe, at 4,006 feet the fifth-highest peak in the state, Landis leads a hike up from Lincoln on the Battell Trail (named for Middlebury legend and benefactor Joseph Battell), stopping every few minutes to point out the various components of the forest. Just above the trailhead, at about 1,500 feet, beech, maple, and yellow birch are everywhere. The first red spruce appears at about 1,800 feet, and the first fir tree about 20 minutes later, at 2,400 feet. Another quarter mile up the trail, next to a cold rivulet, a tiny red salamander crawls along the white bark of a fallen paper birch.

Just a little bit higher, the forest is suddenly fragrant with balsams. Under the thicker canopy, it's noticeably cooler and damper. The ground cover has changed, too, with blue bead lilies, carpets of club mosses, wood sorrel, and a delicate painted trillium, its three perfect leaves surrounding a white tri-corner flower, with streaks of red on each petal. Picking up a small piece of club moss, Landis, in worn khakis, a red T-shirt, sturdy leather hiking boots and gaiters, with a full daypack on his back, examines the plant and decides it's specifically *shining* club moss. A bit later, he leans over to examine a stump left from logging perhaps three decades before, and points out five different species of moss growing in the space of just a few feet.

This summer, Landis and his fellow researchers will be collecting information to help improve their understanding of how and why tree species win and lose in their competition for Green Mountain real estate. Is it all about temperature? Is it the length of the growing season? The acidity or depth of the soil? The moisture-bearing clouds that cover the mountain tops?

The questions are more pressing now, since some scientists have forecast rapid changes in the northern forests should the climate turn significantly warmer and drier. "Some models predict that our beech and maple forests in 100 years will be oak and hickory [species that thrive today at lower latitudes]," Landis says, "that the range of trees will just move north. But there are other reasons to expect this kind of change could take much longer, maybe 1,000 years."

His hope is that the work on Mt. Abe among the thickets of balsam firs and tall stands of yellow birch will be a first step toward building better models and "more accurate predictions of New England forest responses to climate change. . . . There's no question we're going to have a different forest. The big questions are who the winners and losers will be, and how long the transition will take."

Tim Etchells '74, editor for electronic communications at the College, has spent many hours exploring the Green Mountains, on foot, on snowshoes, and on skis, but didn't know a beech from a yellow birch until he met Matt Landis.

Photograph by Dennis Curran

The Lure of Los Toros

When he asked why men risked life and limb to run with the bulls of Pamplona, Jaed Coffin '02 was told that a young man cannot resist the magic of beauty and danger.
Illustration by Richard Downs

IT WAS IN A MOVIE ABOUT THE SAMURAI, or outlaw cowboys: the hero, conscious that *this* day he will die, grooms himself. He shaves. He combs his hair. He adjusts his collar around his neck. And he steps outside, meets his death, and dies in the rain. At least he's clean.

Last summer, I ran with the bulls through the narrow streets and alleys of the Spanish town of Pamplona. In the dawn of a steamy July morning, I combed my hair. I shaved. I dressed myself deliberately and with great execution in the traditional costume of the bull-runner: white pants, white shirt, red belt, red handkerchief tied around my neck. The men gathered beneath the great cathedral in the center of town. Most of them were drunk. They were all Spaniards. Except for the Japanese guys with the video camera. And the thick-chested frat boys from Texas. And *this* kid, a nice young man with a degree from Middlebury College.

The Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, known to the Spanish as *El Encierro* (or "the enclosing"), is the seminal event of the weeklong Festival of San Fermin. The run covers a half-mile course through cobblestone streets and alleys so narrow you can almost reach from one wall to the next, before ending in the great stadium of the Plaza del Toros (the Spanish bullring). The origin of *El Encierro* is practical: the bulls, bred and raised by breeders in the countryside of Pamplona, were once herded from their

grazing pastures through the city's streets on their way to the Plaza del Toros, where they were expected to die by the sword of the matador.

Lore suggests that the original runners of *El Encierro* were the peasant butcher boys. The young men, perhaps overtaken by the sublime presence of these horned beasts, burst into the streets to run with the bulls on their way to the arena. Many of the runners were fatally gored and trampled. It is still unclear as to what compelled these young pioneers of *El Encierro* to risk their lives in the streets of Pamplona. An old man of Navarra province once told me: "A young man cannot resist the magic of beauty and danger." Perhaps.

THE CROWDS ALONG THE STREETS WERE IMPENETRABLE. Police weeded out runners who were too drunk to walk. Standing shoulder to shoulder, the Spaniards clapped and danced to melodic chants, the Japanese looked worried, and the boys from Texas leaned on one another, drunk and happy. Words to adequately describe this mishmash of the human condition—an amalgamation of violence, stupidity, joy, fear, grandiosity, absurdity—escape me to this day.

Every man wore a red handkerchief around his neck. The white shirts and pants of many bore large purple circles of wine stains. Above us, spectators teetered on balconies that lined the street; as we nervously awaited the bulls' release, these onlookers laughed and clapped and sang. Journalists took pictures. *We are heroes*, I briefly thought. *No, we are stupid young men.*

Then the first rocket exploded (they use rockets—rockets!—to signify the release of the bulls), and the crowd separated along the 900-meter course. I chose to run from a spot high on La Estafeta, the third and final leg of the run that ends in the bullring. La Estafeta is a narrow alley with no routes of escape but for a three-meter stretch of head-high wooden fence.

In the first section, the most courageous (and foolhardy) of the men face the bulls in what is called the Passage of Santo Domingo. The men of Santo Domingo are chased uphill when the legs and lungs of the bulls are fresh and vigorous.

The middle section is short, wide, and relatively safe. It begins at the end of Santo Domingo and ends at the first corner of La Estafeta. Once past this corner, the herd enters a narrow cobblestone passage that continues uninterrupted for nearly 300 yards.

THE HOOF-BEATING APPROACH OF THE BULLS charging down La Estafeta can be compared to nothing but the towering winter swells of the open Atlantic. It is a spectacle that is dark, powerful, and imminent. But what is most stunning, incomprehensible even, is the color: a rippling, approaching black force bursting through a fleeing, drunken mob of white and red.

The first bull tore through the crowd, catching a man in his lower back and tossing him against the stone walls of the alley. The first bull neared—and I froze. As the bull approached me (far more swiftly than I imagined), I could do nothing but press myself against the high wall of the alley. I waited. I might have closed my eyes. The horns approached the soft flesh of my stomach—and continued on. He didn't want me.

Eight steers—some gray, some white, some mottled—were added to the mix to create the ambience of a herd. A bull in isolation is the most dangerous: it will thrash and charge relentlessly, defending itself from all angles. There is folklore about certain bulls, once isolated from their herd, having killed eight men in one sequence of charges. But a group of bulls among steers will conform to the fluid shape of a herd. In theory, they'll ignore the men running through the streets. This is a psychological fact about bulls that is true. Or so I hoped.

It was on the tail of the fourth bull that I dashed into an opening in front of two charging steers. If there is any bit of strategy in running with the bulls, it is this: because of a bull's herd psychology, if one can fall into the wild cadence of the herd, one can run safely amongst the bulls.

To my right and left, the bulls and steers plowed and gored aberrant runners. People collapsed in the street, and fleeing runners crushed one another against the wooden barricades and stone walls. Many of those who stumbled were trampled or gored. But amid the chaos was the beauty and fluency of the herd. There is something ancient and unspeakable about running amongst a pack of massive beasts.

Through the shadowy arches of the stadium we ran, men falling and scrambling on their knees (you have to hurdle the fallen runners, or kick them clear, to remain safe within the herd) until we entered the great dirt circle of the Plaza del Toros.

Inside the ring, men threw themselves over the wooden barriers and into the stands, tearing at one another to find safety. The brave and the drunk challenged the bulls in the posture of matadors. A British kid was on his knees, vomiting, until a pair of Spaniards threw him over the six-foot-tall barricade. A second rocket sounded, signifying that all the bulls had entered the stadium. A great cheer rose from the thousands of spectators. The entire run lasted two minutes and nine seconds.

NO ONE DIED THAT DAY, though a 22-year-old kid from the province of Navarra had been gored seven times by three different bulls and lay close to death in a nearby hospital. I emerged unscathed, but my psyche was not so fortunate. Nearly 800 years have passed since the first peasant butcher boys were drawn to the running of the bulls, and humans are still captivated by the primitive trance of the bulls, unable to resist the magic of beauty and danger.

Indeed, the lure is strong, but the experience takes its toll.

In Pamplona, I ran with the bulls in the red of morning across the ancient cobbled streets, beneath the balconies of children and grandparents and journalists and tourists, through the great arch of the stadium, across the orange dirt of the bullring. When the last bull had been herded into the stocks beneath the stadium, my life, in its ordinary invisibility and abstraction, revealed itself with a material freshness, with a *texture* and a *flavor* and a *value*. Yet in gaining this insight I also learned how precarious life is, and I swear to myself that never, ever, again will I run with the bulls through the cobblestone streets of Pamplona.

A freelance writer, Jaed Coffin '02 has kayaked solo from Seattle to southeastern Alaska and has won an amateur boxing title, fighting as a middleweight.

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Class Action

THE OUTDOOR TYPE Equal parts Muir, Edison, and Picasso, Cam Brensinger '98 just might be revolutionizing the world of outdoor gear. Photograph by Chris Milliman

Founding NEMO

Cam Brensinger '98 has created a company that is loved by outdoor enthusiasts and NASA, alike.

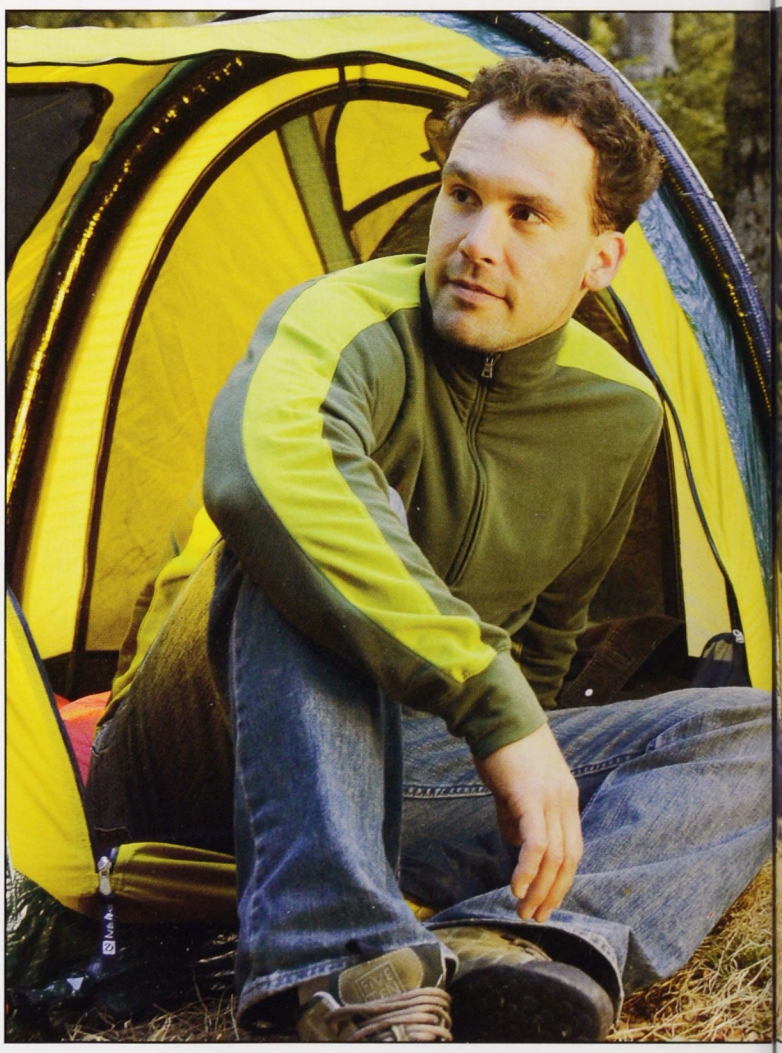
BY JAY HEINRICHS '77

IMAGINE YOU'RE APPLYING FOR A JOB at NEMO, a two-year-old startup that makes an innovative tent. You show up for the interview at a former rubber-boot factory in Nashua, New Hampshire, hard by the Merrimack River. You walk up a flight of stairs and meet your first problem: a white metal door, locked, with no bell. You see no sign except for the NEMO logo. It stands for New England Mountain Equipment Co., but the letters also signify landscape features: *N* and *M* for mountains, a squiggled *E* for river, *O* for water.

You hesitate to knock, because Cam Brensinger '98, the company's 28-year-old founder and inventor in chief, says he likes to hire innovators. If you could whip up a tiny robot to send under the door, he probably would offer you the job on the spot. Then again, "Nemoans"—about half a dozen employees, if you count interns and Cam's mother—are expected to draw their ideas, so you consider making a sketch of an entryway and shoving it under the door. But you can't draw.

You finally knock. One of the interns opens the door and leads you to a table where Cam and another worker are poring over what looks like a comic book. "The new manual for our tents," Cam explains. He wears jeans and looks indistinguishable from his fit young male coworkers, until you make eye contact. His eyes seem slightly off kilter . . . no, not that. They seem to operate independently, as if he takes in more than the rest of us do, which is probably true. ("Wide-angle vision," he will tell you, is one of his principles of management, along with such entrepreneurially contradictory traits as flexibility and persistence.) When he shakes your hand you notice his Popeye-sized forearms, the mark of a climber. He likes to play with his coworkers in and out of the office, which explains why the large open space contains a canted ladder with screwed-on holds for practicing ice climbing (a Cam invention).

He shows you his office cubicle and the one next to it, which his mom uses. She does the bookkeeping and on weekends races her yellow Porsche 993 RS Club Sport. She listens to Metallica. You wish your mom were half as cool.

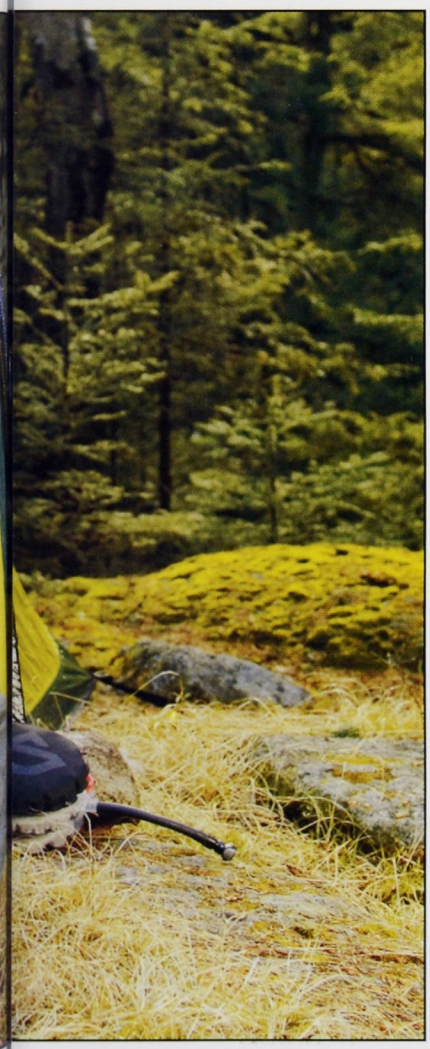


He walks you past an industrial sewing machine into a cavernous unfinished space and whips out a Sako, one of a line of four "self-inflating" tents that went on the market last spring. The Sako has no poles, no fly, no moving parts at all, except for a tiny hand

THE VISIONARY
Brensinger's creative and analytical bent has resulted in cutting-edge outdoor gear—and an offer from NASA to design spacesuits for future Mars colonists.

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS MILLIMAN

pump that Cam has designed to boost the air pressure from the user's lungs. He blows rapid small breaths into a tube while pumping with one hand, and, lo, the heap of high-tech fabric lying on the factory floor takes shape as a spacious two-person tent. The pump injects air into a set of parabolic bladders that become remarkably stiff. "The primary design parameter is to



make the tent as easy to use as possible," Cam says, and he clearly succeeded. NEMO's tents earned it an innovation award from an international sporting goods association.

Ready for your employment test? Sure, you say. He sits you down with a pencil and paper and tells you to draw a … Wait, I promised not to tell. Anyway, it's a trick question. Next he asks you to describe the process of making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich as though you have just invented it and plan to manufacture thousands of sandwiches. "It measures a person's ability to define and communicate a process," he says, "so that anyone in our shop can go to the assembly department and help out."

The Sako has no poles, no fly, no moving parts at all, except for a tiny hand pump that Cam has designed to boost the air pressure from the user's lungs.

And then comes the final test. You have to convince Cam and the others that you're a fun person to be around. It's a reasonable criterion, because the people at NEMO are around almost constantly. "With seven people we have to do everything a large company does," he says.

Fortunately, I don't have to pass any test—not that I *would* pass it. (Cam just takes me mountain biking along the Merrimack and fixes my chain when it breaks.) Still, I wish I could work at NEMO. I'd like to hang around and see what he comes up with next. Not only does this guy have more than 20 patents pending on his tents; he also intends to invent a different kind of company, one in which no one has a title and everyone has a hand in everything from computer-assisted design to marketing.

But his most ambitious invention, one still very much in progress, is Cam himself.

It started with Middlebury, where he majored in English and took a good dose of physics and studio art. "For four years the College let me do anything I wanted," he says. "I felt so comfortable there. It *taught* me to explore." In his sophomore year, he started a Mountain Club climbing group with some friends, taught a J-term class on mountaineering and survival, and developed a technical climber's approach to life.

To normal people, mountains are a challenge, and a smooth face of rock or ice constitutes an impossibility. A committed climber, on the other hand, considers mountains as alluring problem sets. It's no accident that a disproportionate number of mathematicians like to climb.

After he graduated from Middlebury, he and several classmates climbed Denali, and Cam went on to travel in India and Nepal. That was when he thought of starting an outdoor gear company. There was only one problem: he knew next to nothing about product design. He solved it by getting a second undergraduate education at the Rhode Island School of Design. He launched NEMO as his senior project.

While he was still a student, a group at MIT funded by NASA's Institute for Advanced Concepts hired him to help design the next generation of spacesuits. In 2004, Cam presented a new spacesuit concept to NASA's chief engineer. More skin than suit, it would bleed and even clot to repair itself. The work continues at NEMO, where, besides designing tents, the company is helping the MIT crew design and build "Bio-Suit" prototypes for future Mars colonists.

It occurs to me that NEMO's tents have a next-gen-spacesuit feel about them. I'm now in my backyard, lying in a Burrito, the company's one-person tent. I set it up in the rain by crawling into the formless material with my sleeping bag, and I stayed dry while I blew up the bladder. A minute later, a protective tube protected me from the hostile space outside. I stare at the trees out of the tent's polyurethane windows, fiddle with the interior-zippered vents, and admire the arch of sailcloth-covered "airbeams" overhead. The tent comprises a cluster of innovations, elegantly combined solutions to a backpacking problem set, and as I keep discovering the solutions around me, it feels as if the tent is inventing itself. Which, of course, is exactly what Cam has been doing since Middlebury: inventing himself.

Jay Heinrichs '77 camps out on his 150-acre spread in Orange, New Hampshire, where he's writing a book on argument.

Summer Reading

Among our recommendations: a tale of an obsessive quest, confessions from an unusual mercenary, and a foray into early retirement.

BY BRIAN EULE, CAROLYN CRAVEN, BLAIR KLOMAN, AND REGAN EBERHART

THE BARNES AND NOBLE ACROSS THE STREET from New York's Lincoln Center arranged 190 chairs in its event space, but by the time **RODNEY ROTHMAN '95** walked into the room to read from his newly released first book, *Early Bird: A Memoir of Premature Retirement*, about 100 additional people stood in the back and lined the side walls. Another 50 or so were on the outside looking in, spilling out from the event space into the rest of the store, only parting to let radio personality Howard Stern and his blond supermodel wife weave through at the last minute and join those standing in back.

Rothman's reading came at the end of a busy day for the 31-year-old Middlebury grad, who spent the morning fielding questions from Al Roker on the *Today Show* and the afternoon informing a group of 200 seniors in Queens what it's like to be retired in Florida.

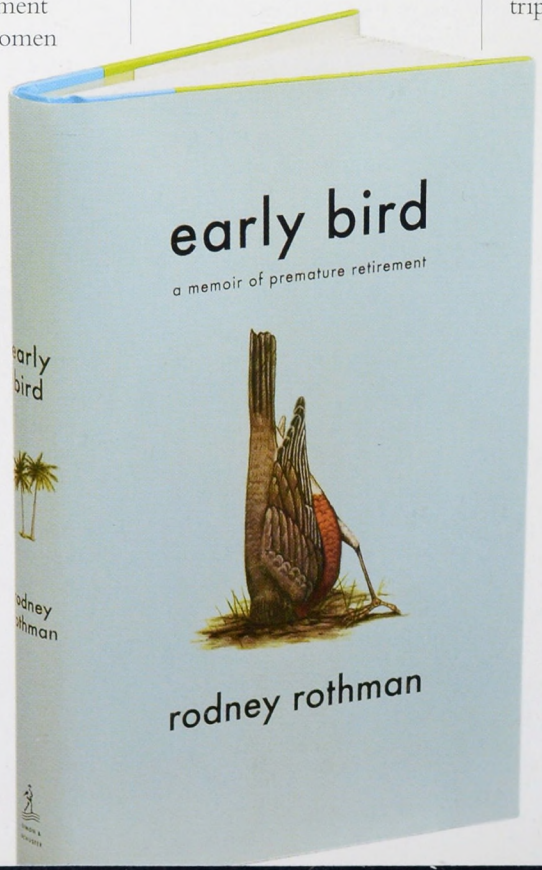
Rothman knows, because that's what he did for five months. The idea for *Early Bird*, a mix of humor and memoir, arose when Rothman, the former head writer for the *Late Show with David Letterman*, found himself out of work at the age of 28. Trying to figure out what was next, he thought, "I'm Jewish, I'm probably going to end up in Florida. I might as well go and check it out." He selected a retirement village, rented a room from a retired piano teacher, and told everyone back home that he would write a book about the experience.

Rothman, who is single, spends much of the book discussing his struggle to meet the right woman (hint: it doesn't help when one chooses to live in a retirement community with women 40 years one's senior), and his self-deprecation was on display for the crowd at Barnes and Noble. "My parents invited all my friends," he said. "They literally think this is my wedding. That's what's going on here, in case you're wondering."

Looking a bit like Buddy Holly with his black-rimmed glasses and thick dark hair, Rothman read several passages from his book, provoking laughter from the crowd. Its style, by his own admission, is an extension of the student newspaper humor column Rothman wrote at Middlebury entitled "My Little Pony." Short chapters in *Early Bird* detail his various encounters at Century Village retirement community, where he failed in shuffleboard tournaments and sat poolside trying to follow discussions that jumped from doctors' visits to dining locales, without any transition.

"Apparently, none of us are going to get to retire anyway," he told the young New York crowd, "so at least I got to check it out."

—*Brian Eule*



Hired Gun

PART EXPOSÉ, PART MEMOIR, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, by **JOHN PERKINS '67**, darts around the globe from the 1960s to 9/11, pausing in many of the hot spots of the last 40 years: Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and Colombia. Perkins brackets his book with trips to his beloved Ecuador, where he began his career in international development as a Peace Corps volunteer and currently visits as an ecotourism guide.

Perkins's thesis is that a corporate-governmental axis—the "corporatocracy"—has been systematically impoverishing these oil-rich, usually GDP-poor countries. In his job as chief economist for an engineering consulting firm, he was urged to fabricate absurdly optimistic forecasts for economic growth and electric power needs. His

Life, Interrupted

A second novel in the "Snow Island" trilogy considers a young woman's life when family truths get in the way.

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE COAST OF NEW ENGLAND, a ferry makes its way, twice daily, between the fictitious mainland town of Barton and an isolated two-mile strip of land called Snow Island. Sometimes the ferry is late—sometimes it doesn't come at all. You can't always count on things to go as planned.

Though the island and its people are the creations of author **KATHERINE TOWLER, M.A. ENGLISH '84**, the lessons learned about life are achingly real. *Evening Ferry* is the second novel in Towler's "Snow Island" trilogy. The novel is set in the summer of 1965, and its protagonist, 33-year-old Rachel Shattuck Ellis, is about to discover that so many things in her life did not unfold as hoped.

Night Table

What's on Katherine Towler's night table?

- *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer
- *Collected Stories* by Truman Capote
- *Runaway* by Alice Munro
- *No Great Mischief* by Alistair MacLeod

Recently divorced and still grieving the death of her mother, Rachel has cut herself off from her childhood home on the island. But after her father is injured in a carpentry accident, Rachel finds herself pulled back to the island life she's worked so hard to escape.

Loosely based on tiny Prudence Island in Narragansett Bay, off Rhode Island, Snow Island is typical of its New England inspiration. Winter months are cold and long, while summer months feature the fervent activity of the people "from away" who crowd the ferry from May to August. Locals intuitively know each other's business, and few personal decisions are made without collective opinions being shared around the wood stove in the general store. It's into this world that Rachel returns—and discovers truths about her past that inevitably shift the course of her future.

Towler began her trilogy with *Snow Island*, a novel that traces the lives on the island through the pre- and postwar days of the forties. In *Evening Ferry*, many of the first novel's characters reappear, and the shadow of Vietnam hangs heavily. The third novel, Towler says, will take place in the nineties; the impact of war—most likely the first Gulf War—will continue to be a theme. "Ultimately, I am trying to make a case against war by showing its devastating effects on one small community far removed from any battlefield," she says. "These books are my plea for human beings to wake up and find another way."

—Blair Kloman, M.A. English '94

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forecasts justified inflated lending that benefited the American corporations building the environmentally destructive projects; furthermore, he argues, high levels of indebtedness gave the U.S. government critical leverage over these countries.

A self-styled Dante of sorts, Perkins writes about his journey through an underworld of greed, violence, fraud, lust, flattery, theft, and treachery. He believes his superiors seduced him and manipulated his character weaknesses to mold the "economic hit man" he became. Cooking the numbers on GDP growth enriched his company and himself, as he rocketed from Middlebury dropout to the youngest partner in the history of his firm. One of his assignments involved procuring blond lovers for a Saudi royal; on another job, he smeared opponents to his dam project as communists and terrorists—all the while knowing they were just peasants fighting to preserve their livelihood. He is convinced that when a Third World leader refused to fall into the debt-development trap, the U.S. government turned to violence: assassination (Panama, Ecuador) or war (Iraq).

Clearly endowed with charm, self-confidence, and imagination, Perkins became an econometrics expert with minimal training, the confidant of Latin American leaders, and a successful entrepreneur for whom Congress wrote special tax breaks. But while jetting around the world, serving the interests of corporate clients, Perkins never stopped agonizing over his role in an elitist world. As the son of prep-school teachers in rural New Hampshire, he identified with the townies his parents felt superior to. At Middlebury, he felt alienated by wealthy classmates and quit school after a bar brawl. In every country he visited, he was drawn to friendly locals who, as Virgil guided Dante, gave him the inside story on American exploitation of their countries. In Indonesia, it was Rasy. In Panama, Fidel. In Iran, he met Doc, who was mutilated by the Shah's forces; in Colombia, the lovely Paula opened his eyes and prodded him to leave his prestigious job.

While lamenting how he sold out, though, Perkins kept on selling his services. After quitting the consulting firm, he was hired back as a freelancer—more money and less work. Later, he accepted a generous retainer from another company, in exchange, he believes, for not writing this book. He sold his green power company to the oil industry he excoriates. In the nineties he flipped to the nonprofit sector and began promoting anti-consumerist values and spiritual practices based on Amazonian cultures.

John Perkins flourished for decades in the networks of crony capitalism before meeting up again with the ideals of the 1960s. That's the long way around to *paradiso*.

—Carolyn Craven
Visiting assistant professor of economics

Royally Yours

A SELF-PROCLAIMED ANGLOPHILE BY AGE 12, **WILL SWIFT '69** has never strayed far from his preteen passion. As an adult, Swift embarked on a career as researcher and writer for *Majesty* magazine, while also founding the Royalty

Bookshop in Manhattan, the Royal Commemorative Association of North America, and *Sceptre*, a journal on royal history and collecting. But it was his practice as a clinical psychologist, specializing in couples therapy, that triggered his particular interest in political families—specifically husband-wife teams in the political and public spotlight—and he became increasingly intrigued by the effects of such a public life on an intimate marriage relationship.

His recent book, *The Roosevelts and the Royals*, is a historical account of the high-profile and politically charged friendship between Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. At its simplest, this is a story of two couples and how their personal relationship shaped public bonds between two nations. Both FDR and King George were similarly paired with powerful, intelligent, and articulate wives, and Swift indicates the importance of their support behind the scenes. The book spans an enduring friendship between families that began in the 1880s, but the initial prewar visits between royalty and a president are the heart of the story.

With access to both the Royal Archives in Windsor Castle and the Franklin Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, Swift's research brings a personal perspective to a time so charged with public opinion. Poring through two decades of correspondence—particularly the wartime letters—Swift is able to see more clearly the intricate machinations between two families as reflected in the larger historical actions of their allied nations. Whether or not it was a "friendship that changed history," as the author proclaims in the subtitle, it was certainly a friendship that weathered the *making* of history during turbulent times. Coupled with rare photographs that capture that intimacy during times of war, peace, revolution, and depression, Swift's engaging and ardent perspective reminds us that people, not events, make history.

—Blair Kloman, M.A. English '94

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This Old House

IN 1647, a shipbuilder and mill worker named Walter Hatch built a small house in Marshfield, Massachusetts, and deeded it to his family in perpetuity. His will specified that the house was to be given "forever from generation to generation until the world's end never to be sold or mortgaged."

Fishing for Answers

What did George Perry of McRae, Georgia, do with his record-setting 22.4-pound largemouth bass after catching it on a rainy morning in 1932?

- ❑ ate it
- ❑ stuffed it
- ❑ sold it
- ❑ released it

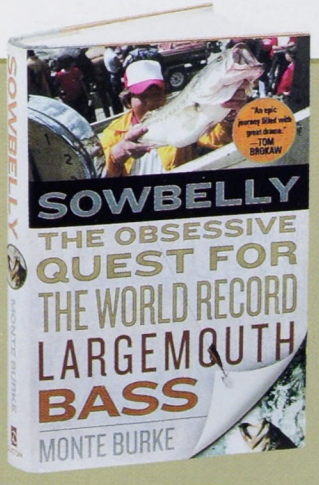
What's a Lunker Bunker?

- ❑ sleep-away camp for slow fish
- ❑ an underwater canopy bed
- ❑ a sand trap for big-headed golfers
- ❑ an $18 million effort by ever-resourceful Texans to simply grow—not catch—the record-breaking bass

What does a Brooklyn-born, heavily tattooed, LAPD motorcycle cop do for fun?

- ❑ chase the bad guys
- ❑ chase a fish
- ❑ chase the competition
- ❑ all of the above

Find out the answers to these lurking questions—and more—in *Sowbelly: The Obsessive Quest for the World Record Largemouth Bass*, recently published by **MONTE BURKE '94**. It's a spirited account of a handful of dedicated and, well, *obsessive* men who have committed their lives to the pursuit of a fish. The hours are long and the stakes are high—some have lost families as well as homes and jobs. But the fish of their dreams looms large.



Not since George Perry hooked his dinner in a small oxbow of the Ocmulgee River in Georgia has anyone seen a largemouth of such largeness—and some even go so far as to question the veracity of Perry's unofficially recorded catch. An angler and outdoorsman himself, Burke deftly paints a mural of a potential myth and the mayhem it has engendered.

Just as these fervent characters track their elusive quarry with methodical clarity of purpose, so too does Burke track them. And even when their words and actions reach near poetic ridiculousness—as when one fanatic explains, "The world record is so important to so many people. That's why it's so important." Burke reflects their serious approach, as well as their passion. For Burke, every cast is a gesture of optimism. Clearly he's hooked. And you may be too.

—BK

How, Now, Mad Cow

Blair Kloman met with **Nancy Means Wright, M.A. English '65**, *for a cup of tea on a chilly May afternoon. As well as discussing her latest Ruth Wilmarth mystery,* Mad Cow Nightmare, *they talked about exuberant dogs, unusual families, blooming lilacs, and the serenity that comes from creating control amid chaos through writing.*

You've said that "we read—and write—to restore order to the chaos of our lives." How so?

Both reading and writing allow you to create a haven of your own. Life can be completely haywire around you, but when you're immersed in a story, that becomes your world. I'm a very visual person, so I see the characters in my mind, as if they're acting on a stage. I may not always know exactly what they're going to do—even when I'm writing them—but in the end things resolve. There's closure, and order prevails.

And yet the ending of your latest Wilmarth mystery is different from the others in that there is no "happy ever after."

Yes, this ending is different, but it really had to be because of the issues at hand—mad cow disease and the federal government's involvement, and two murders rooted in past abusive relationships. It would have been unrealistic for it all to have worked out too neatly. I didn't know it would turn out that way. It just did, and that's how it had to end.

You don't outline your books before writing?

No, I don't. In fact, when my editor wanted an outline for *Stolen Honey*, I had to write the whole draft first. Usually, I get an idea in my head—from a newspaper article or a story—and I dive in and start to write and see what happens. The characters do their thing and I pay attention. They lead me through. Often I don't even know who the villains will be until the end, and then I go back and plant the clues and rewrite here and there.

Where did this latest story come from?

I've always had concern about the plight of farmers—they are my family, friends, and neighbors here in Vermont. And my protagonist, Ruth, is a farmer herself. The mad cow issue is one I feel strongly about. It—or the fear of it, rather—can ruin a farm. I followed the news of outbreaks in England, and then, a few years ago, more than 350 sheep were destroyed right here on farms in East Warren, because U.S. officials feared they might be infected with mad cow disease. None of the evidence was conclusive. I met with one of the farm families, and they were just devastated. Later, I saw a newspaper story about a woman in a Toronto hospital who died after being treated with instruments supposedly infected with the human form of mad cow, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The hospital put an emergency call out to all patients who had been in the hospital at that time. There was a real fear that others were infected. Soon these two emotional stories began to take shape in my mind as one. So much of fear comes from spreading fear and not from any "reality" at all.

What about these Irish travelers who seem to multiply by the day in Ruth's farmyard?

Colm, Ruth's partner and lover, is Irish American, and so I thought it'd be fun to explore that side of his heritage through these Irish travelers who have made their way north from the Carolinas. The characters are distantly related to Colm, but he's sympathetic to them and invites Darren to come as Ruth's farmhand. Darren also happens to bring his extended family of eccentric traveling characters, and there the story begins.

Is there a great deal of pressure to continue a series like this for your fans?

Well, this whole thing started with a newspaper article I read about two elderly farmers being robbed and the culprits being caught because the money they stole smelled like "barn"—that was the premise for the first book, *Mad Season*. I never imagined it would become a series. But I seem to be a magnet for quirky stories, so I'll keep going as long as there are stories to tell.

gaged from my children and grandchildren forever." And so it was, for nine generations of Hatches.

Then, inexplicably, novelist Richard Warren Hatch sold the house, in 1965, to Ronald and Nina Messer. The reasons were never clear. The Messers took their role as caretakers of the house seriously (furniture and historical documents stayed with the house), enshrining the Hatch lore and trying to keep their home historically accurate.

Sarah Messer '88 grew up here, her childhood closely identified with her home's past. In her book *Red House*, Messer describes what it was like to live with another family's heritage, to be intimately familiar with pictures of someone else's ancestors, to have the past so present in the here and now that she even saw their ghosts. In her journey through the house's history, she interweaves the lives of each of the house's inhabitants with that of her own family.

As she peels back the layers of time, she discovers delightful bits of arcanna: In the mid-1600s, for example, bounty hunting was encouraged to curb wolf predation, and Walter Hatch, as constable, cut the ears off bounty wolves to prevent swindling. A century later, Israel Hatch Jr. painted every surface of the house inside with leopard spots and the outside red. Messer even provides the formula for red paint.

Messer's poetic, philosophical book is a loving restoration of 350 years of living, in which she shows how a house can not only contain but shape the lives of its inhabitants.

—Regan Eberhart

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Summer greetings from 1928! **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** writes from Oregon that it's a busy time on her Rogue River Ranch, with family members helping her. ✷ In Vermont, **Louise Thompson** turned 99 on April 23, when she was honored at a very special coffee hour after services at her Saxtons River church. Presiding in her wheelchair, she celebrated with a birthday cake and the best wishes of her friends and neighbors. According to a story in the *Brattleboro Reformer,* she receives a steady stream of visitors at her home, keeping track of all of them in a guest book. Louise appreciates calls and sends thanks for birthday greetings received from classmates. ✷ Winter brought lots of winter snow to Saxtons River and also to Concord, Mass., as my son John '60 discovered when he came from Macon, Ga., to surprise me on my January birthday.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J. D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

[Editor's note: We are delighted to report that Mimi Sweet Coombs is the recipient of the 2005 Outstanding Class Secretary Award, established by Jean B. Seeler '60. Mimi has contributed interesting and beautifully-written columns through her many years of service, during several decades. Congratulations, Mimi!]

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So far as news from classmates is concerned, I can only regret the death of **Phil Bates** on March 3, 2005. I believe I am the only remaining male of the Class of '31. So far as I am concerned, I can no longer compose and write these notes as my blindness is getting the best of me. These are written now by my daughter, Helen.

—Class Secretary: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

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Alice Cady Russell is still getting around without a cane. She writes, "Gamaliel Painter would approve!" Having recovered from last fall's bout with congestive heart failure, she reported recently that she was back to most of her former activities, "especially painting and practicing musical chimes preparatory to a June 15 concert." She admits that her "main gripe now is the lack of salt in all my food!"

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REUNION CLASS

I was disappointed not to be able to attend the reunion of the Class of 1935 this year. But I did send our class book, full of the history of our class and of Middlebury. Hopefully, reunion attendees in June were able to enjoy our picture history of Midd, starting for some reason as far back as 1922. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Helen Parsons Pierce** on December 27, 2004. A memorial appeared in the spring issue.

—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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In 1935, several women of the classes of 1935, 1936, and 1937 formed an informal organization known as the Sisterhood. They continued to hold annual reunions for many years at the 80-acre farm of **Mavis Jones Little** and her husband, Dr. George Frank Little. We regret to report that Mavis passed away on December 13. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✷ **Agnes Finger Taylor** had a wonderful trip to the Canadian Rockies in May 2004. Some of the members of her tour group were friends from Rutland. They enjoyed a knowledgeable tour guide and "did all the touristy things, such as riding on a glacier, swimming in a sulfur pool, river rafting, etc." Unfortunately, the later portion of 2004 was not as pleasant. Her son had planned to take her to Michigan to visit **Isabel Kenney Frakie**, but instead she required emergency surgery for a ruptured diverticulum and spent seven weeks in the hospital. This was followed by blood clots in her leg and pneumonia. This spring she was looking forward to returning to her own home. "I am also looking forward to our 70th reunion in 2006. Hope to see you there!"

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Louise Hubbard McCoy, 865 Central Ave., #L403, Needham, MA 02492.*

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As we continue to lose old friends, we try in this column to honor each of them equally. I wanted to pay a personal tribute to **Walter Brooker**, who died March 30, but the *Magazine* editor has chosen instead to use my words in the back of this issue, as a memorial to Walt. In this column, we mourn the loss of two other classmates who excelled in athletics at Middlebury, then went on to pursue distinguished careers in education. **George Dudley Phinney**, who spent most of his life after graduation in his much-loved college town, died at his home on January 27. A memorial in the spring issue of *Middlebury Magazine* outlined his many contributions to Middlebury, both the town and the College. We knew him as an avid hockey and golf enthusiast. He was a captain in both these sports and also played baseball for three years and freshman football. Dud was our class treasurer and chairman of Junior Week. He began his long teaching career at Middlebury Union High School, interrupted it to serve in the Army in Europe during World War II, then spent many years chairing the high school's social science department and serving as an administrator. Always active as a PGA golf pro and hockey and ski official, he received numerous state, regional, and national awards. Midd alumni of various ages and classes who loved the game of golf agreed that their college reunions were made even more enjoyable by the opportunity to play and talk with Dud on their return to the campus. His obituary in the local paper noted that "Dud will be best remembered for his love of teaching, his love of golf, and for his passion for teaching golf." One source of satisfaction in his last years was that grandson Brian '05 was a key player on Midd's NCAA championship hockey team. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dud's family. ✷ Dr. **William Gregory Craig** died at his San Diego home on March 7. We join with his family, friends, and associates in paying tribute to Bill Craig. As a student, Bill served as class president our senior year. On those brisk, colorful fall afternoons, we watched him play football, captaining an undefeated team our senior year. For three years he also played baseball and basketball. His later accomplishments in higher education are too numerous to list here, but it should be noted that, after serving as a college president in Vermont he became head of the Vermont State College system, then chancellor of the California Community College system. (See his memorial elsewhere in this issue.) His former wife, **Lois Bestor Craig**, reports that the youngest of their four sons, Dr. William A.P. Craig, a physician, was in south Asia helping to care for tsunami victims when he learned of his father's death. Lois, who is living in a retirement center in Vermont, keeps in touch with her sons and their families, including 10 grandchildren. Lois says she appreciates receiving *Middlebury Magazine*, especially for its information about classmates. She hopes that everyone will send in news of their activities and interests. ✷ **Frank Piskor** echoes Lois's sentiments and says he continues to walk two miles every day. During inclement weather he walks inside the field house at St. Lawrence Univ., where he is president emeritus. ✷ **Grayce Cookson Pierpont** has moved to an assisted living facility (Mulberry Gardens, 50 Mulberry St., Apt. 229, Plantsville, CT 06479). Her daughter writes that Grayce is in fine physical health and enjoys keeping in touch with college friends. ✷ **Juno Jones Corbett** is delighted that the Class of 1937 does so well in its percentage participation in the College's annual giving program, one of the best records among all alumni classes.

—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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Not only did **Ivan Bunnell**'s granddaughter, Sarah Bunnell, graduate from Midd in 2004, but Sarah's mother, Jane Smyth Bunnell, graduated in 1972. Ivan and wife Alice are living in Canterbury Woods, a retirement community in Williamsville, N.Y. From their apartment, they overlook a pond. They are as glad that they took the "big step" as we were when we moved to Wake Robin. Their four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Rhode Island, Westchester County (N.Y.), Morristown (N.J.), and Kansas City (Mo.). ✷ A conversation with **Arne Bulkeley Beltz** brought me up to date about her busy life in Anchorage, Alaska, where she moved 45 years ago. When we talked she sounded cheerful as she told about her family. Living with her are her granddaughter and husband and their six-week-old son, Arne's first great-grandchild. Her grandson (12) is also part of her lively household. The night after we talked she was going to his sixth grade band concert, where he was playing the saxophone. Arne's sister, Marjorie Bulkeley Garwood '37, has moved from the lower 48 to live with Arne. Before we hung up, Arne laughed and added, "we also have two dogs, two cats, and a guinea pig." Among her joys is the view of the mountains from her home. ✷ In talking to **Betty MacCulloch Mattox**, she shared news about her family. Betty and Dick live in Delmar, N.Y. Their two daughters and one of their sons live in the area, which means they often have lively get-togethers. Their other son lives in Woods Hole, Mass. This summer the family will gather in Falmouth for the wedding of a granddaughter. Betty and Dick keep fairly active. They get to church regularly and enjoy frequent walks together. ✷ Lacking phone numbers for some classmates, I sometimes write asking for their news. This is the response I had from my letter to **Jane Liddle Heath** in mid-March: "I am Jane's daughter, Susan Heath. I received your letter to Mom, who died on October 1, 2004. She lived with us for three years, which was a wonderful situation for all involved. Unfortunately, she became increasingly forgetful, the reason we brought her here. She brought much humor, perspective, and lots of little sayings to our lives. She continued to love Middlebury and her years there. We had gone college shopping for our daughter and bought Mom a Middlebury sweatshirt." Our class sends condolences to Susan on the death of her mother. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Henry Richardson** on February 18, 2005. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✷ We also send our sympathy to **Janet Randall Morgan** on the death of her husband, Dale. ✷ **Katharine Severance Hart** travels to California to visit son Andrew and his wife. Her other children, Steve and Katie, are near her in Florida. She writes: "Last summer my daughter and I cruised to Italy, Spain, Croatia, and the south of France. We visited and walked Pompeii (!) and we did a little wine tasting in Tuscany! Yes, I still love adventure. In the summer of 2003 Katie and I actually went parasailing over Maui. Now *that* was a great time." Katharine's late mother, Maude Tucker Severance, graduated from Middlebury in 1904; daughter Katie earned her Midd M.A. in Spanish in 1975. Katharine, who has poor eyesight due to macular degeneration, planned to move from Palm Harbor to a nice retirement community in Tampa. She closes: "We may be up your way this summer for a visit to our beloved Green Mountains."

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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Kenneth (Porky) **Kinsey** and wife Dorie no longer have a boat, but they are very happy in Placida, Fla., where they enjoy calls at 941-697-3905. They escaped the hurricanes unscathed. They often travel to visit their four children, none of whom live in Florida. ✷ **Irene Fernandez Anderson** and husband Norm went on a "very, very nice" cruise. They spent a week in Fairfax, Va., with one of their sons and then planned a trip to Flagstaff, Ariz., to visit son Kurt before he leaves with his family for a sabbatical in Spain. Irene and Norm were planning on their usual trip to Vermont this summer. ✷ **Elinor Wieland Cain** enjoys being in assisted living in Mt. Dora, Fla., where she has lived for many years. She is close to old friends and still drives, so she feels part of the community-at-large. As her voice dropped to a lower register, she has continued singing in the church choir—but now as a tenor. ✷ We regret to report the deaths of three of our classmates: **Mary Louise Race Tonge**, **Joseph Trask**, and **Robert Lord**. The sympathy of the class is extended to the family and friends of each of them. ✷ **Bertha Waite Markland** was very pleased recently to have a visit from the two sons of a lifelong friend, a woman who arrived in the Waite household as a Field Service girl long ago. ✷ **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey** took over the household as well as her high school grandchildren while their parents were away. Since the location was near Bertha Waite Markland, she invited her for lunch and baked a delicious pecan pie. Bertha says she enjoyed each and every one of the 680 calories in the piece she had. ✷ The daughter of **Carol Flascher Stiles** has twin daughters—Alison, who was taking her orals for a Ph.D. in family counseling this spring, and Laura, who does promotional work in Costa Rica. ✷ **Carol Miner Gustafson** is recovering nicely from an eye operation. She and **Thor** were looking forward to attending a granddaughter's graduation from Yale and a grandson's graduation from Annapolis. ✷ **Catherine Andrus Fessenden** has been recovering well from a serious operation. Three of her four children live close by in Ashfield, Mass., so she is well looked after. ✷ **Harriett Barnes Ball** is spending the summer in Saxtons River, Vt., helping her brother have a garden. Her permanent home is in Nanuet, N.Y., where she has lived for many years and has many friends. ✷ **Evelyn Wheeler Stagg** writes that she enjoyed our 65th reunion and thought that the College treated us royally. ✷ **Dorothy Korb Carter**'s granddaughter is doing well with a kidney transplant from her brother. Dot's daughter drove her to visit **Ruth Coleman Skinner**, when she was convalescing from a break in her pelvis. Ruth appreciated the visit very much.

—Class Secretaries: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould (jogvt@aol.com) (978-263-8151), 1055 Depot Rd., Boxboro, MA 01719; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman) (rskinner@kingcon.com), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

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REUNION CLASS

Bob and **Lois Whittier Pickard** planned to attend our 65th and hoped many classmates would also be there. ✷ **Eugene Winslow** thought he would probably not be able to attend, but reports he is still healthy and looking forward to our 70th. ✷ This column comes following our reunion, but for production reasons had to be submitted in early April. Those who attended, I am sure, had a great time and now we all look forward to our 70th, in only five more years. Let's all plan to get together at that time for another great reunion. ✷ **Verna George Bain** reports: "I'm fortunate in that health problems are slowing me down but not causing me enough trouble to give up my love of planning and executing walking vacations." She continues to be active as a board member for both Walkabout International and the women's association at her church. ✷ **Margaret Heald Lawton** writes that her husband, Erle, passed away in June 2004. Since then she has sold her home of 40 years and moved to the Pines in South Burlington, Vt. (7 Aspen Dr., Apt. 220). She reports that **Laura Fenn Fuller** also lives at the Pines. ✷ I am sad to report the passing of **Win Seymour**. He was with us for only one year, but made a mark for himself by his interest in skiing and other athletic programs. He obtained his degree at UNH with a major in geology, then spent many years in mining explorations in the U.S. and Canada. We extend our condolences to his family. ✷ In soliciting news from our classmates, the most common response I get is that there is nothing going on in their lives and that classmates would not be interested in what they are doing. For some time **Bob Anderson** has been expressing the wish that his classmates would indulge in a bit more philosophical type of letter. We have all had many, and very different, experiences during our lifetimes. Letters recounting some of our experiences, and possibly relating them to our years at Midd, would be of special interest. Coming, as we are, toward the end of our careers, we ought to take advantage of this opportunity to pass along some useful advice to those who follow. Some of us have composed what is known as an "Ethical Will," trying to pass along guidelines for behavior that will benefit their progeny. One recurring theme that I see in many of the letters that come from our classmates is that they are contributing on the local scene to any of a number of worthwhile charitable efforts. Many report that they help with Meals on Wheels, give time to the local hospital, library or historical society, and partake of political activity. These are all desirable activities, and letters delineating the rewards, and pitfalls, of these and other endeavors would be of great interest to us all. It would further stimulate the readers to think seriously about indulging in similar adventures. We have several members of our class who suffer with visual impairments. Describing the problems this creates and some of the solutions would be of interest and would be of help to others so afflicted. There are many other physical problems we become heir to as we age and discussion of coping with these problems would be of special interest. In short, it is clear that everyone has something to offer that would be of interest to another. By all means take your pen in hand and record for posterity your thoughts on one or more of the matters which make your life interesting, or difficult, and how to cope with each of them. I await your letters, like the cat who ate cheese and breathed down the rat hole with baited breath.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Merritt Garland reports doing a lot of chauffeuring, now that Sally has stopped driving. They've "about decided to give up trying to clean out the house and leave it for the kids to do." In late March, Merritt said he was thinking about getting up to camp, about 20 miles away, to take down his bird feeders "before the bears get at them." ✷ Although feeling "under the weather" when I called, **Jean Emmons** said she was doing okay on the whole.

Her building is undergoing some much-needed repairs, causing considerable confusion. ✳ When asked how she is, **Ginny Brooks Hutton** has a very apt response: "Aging!" Ginny enjoys her computer for e-mail and for making cards. Like many of our classmates, she is cleaning out; as a "collector," she has a big job ahead. Occasionally she sees **Jack Connor**'s son, who works at her local post office. Recently she and her daughter from Maine drove to Boston to the theater. ✳ The condolences of the class are extended to the family of **Jessie Hallstead Pearce**, who died on February 2. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✳ Our sympathy also goes to **Mildred Becker Elefante** on the death of her husband, Michael, in March, after a long illness. Middlebury had conferred upon him (as her spouse) membership in the Gold Cane Society and he wore the emblem on his best blazer. Becky has a son and a daughter, plus four granddaughters and a great-grandchild. She recalled rooming with **"B" Grow** when they were both in the service and stationed in Washington. "It was a great experience!" Becky hopes to move into a smaller apartment soon. She was particularly eager to learn about **Summy House**, as they were in the political science class at Middlebury, and she was the only girl. ✳ Sadly, we must also send condolences to Bill Sedgwick on the death of **Evelyn Robinson Sedgwick** on March 17 in Waldoboro, Maine. We shall certainly miss Robbie and recall how active and what fun she was to be with. I think many classmates will recall the episode of her sliding down the banister in BatCot freshman year. ✳ **Janet Sutliffe Scilipoti** notified us of Robbie's death. The two families became close friends while living in Winchester, Mass. and have kept in touch over the years. Sutty was looking forward to driving down to Florida with her daughter in April. Her son, who lives in Portland, planned a trip for the two of them to Rangeley for a week in August. ✳ On March 9 **Jack Hicks** went to San Francisco to hear President Liebowitz speak about his plans for the College. At the reception, Jack had an opportunity to speak to the president about the problem concerning the Am lit department. Jack reported that **Roy Hovey** had a fall at Christmastime, injuring his hip. ✳ In March, **Jean Connor**, **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, and **Ruth Packard Jones** (Packy) met **Helen West Burbank** (Westie) at the College for an "Art in Nature" daylong program by faculty and students. We were greatly impressed by the erudite presentations of the students, thinking that we as college seniors would never have been able to do as well. Afterward it was pleasant to be able to meet with Prof. John McWilliams about the ongoing Am lit-English controversy. Westie reported that Jack's birthday was just before Easter and some of the children were there to help celebrate. She commented that the weather was beautiful and they did quite a bit of walking, something she has been urged to do. She mentioned the restoration of the Snow Bowl and the celebration that took place at its opening. ✳ **Sally Martenis Townsend** said she was "just fine!" The winter was good except for one big blizzard. She keeps in touch with **Marilyn Reynolds Gray**, who gets to Vermont every other year to visit her sister, and also with **Ginny Brooks Hutton**, who keeps very busy and is a "whiz on the computer." Sally has cut back on her volunteering so she and Ike can be free to go when they wish. ✳ **Summy House** seems to be well settled in his Georgetown, Maine, apartment. Since he uses a walker and is being treated for spinal arthritis, he explains that he cannot always get to the phone. Callers should kindly hang on and leave a message on the answering service, including a number he can call later. ✳ **Babs Warren Loftus** has been feeling quite weak from her chemo treatments. Her daughter, Lydia, gets up from San Antonio fairly frequently to see her. ✳ **Peg Williams Rhodes** said that husband Marcus had pneumonia this winter and went into a nursing home. Peg has an aide with her all the time and she also depends on her three helpful sons who live nearby. ✳ **Peg Waller Glazier** said no trips for her this year, as the house needs a new roof! Times like that come to all of us! ✳ **Betty Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens** had a busy holiday season with a houseful of family. It was a very happy time, but after that she decided "to retire from cooking!" Due to a fall, she was unable to attend the wedding of Jack's grandson on New Year's Eve in Boston. They have been looking at a two-bedroom apartment in a retirement village. During the winter, she enjoyed having her two daughters, one from Massachusetts and the other from Arizona, visit together. ✳ **Harriet Hull Boland** has spent the last 30 winters in Palm Beach. However, the traffic has become a great problem and the weather this winter had not been enjoyable, so she was planning to leave for good when she returned home at the end of March. ✳ **Gordon Brooks** sends greetings to the class, particularly those who spent months shoveling snow. As for Sarasota, he reports that "paradise here is still great, but other people have discovered it, too. The traffic is unbearable." His philosophical thought for the day: "When traffic is bad, just remember you're part of it."

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We regret to report the death of **C. David Burt** on January 28, 2005. A memorial appeared in the spring issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. Dave was a member of our class who, for personal reasons, had to leave before graduating. After serving in the 10th Mountain Division during the Italian campaign of World War II, he returned to Middlebury, graduating in 1947. A new book on that campaign, *Boys of Winter*, recognizes his participation. He spent most of his teaching career as a much-loved and respected professor at Central Washington Univ. ✳ **Peter J. Stanlis** is active on the board of the Friends of Robert Frost, as well as running the programs at the Frost Stone House Museum in South Shaftsbury, Vt. He writes: "I have almost completed my book on Robert Frost as a poet-philosopher." ✳ An April telephone call to **Ira Townsend** produced a long and informative conversation with wife Sally (Martenis) '41. Ike is reasonably well, although slowed down by a balky heart. He has completed building the ultralight plane that was in process at our last reunion and he's flying it, accompanied by daughter Patricia. Ike retired as treasurer of Kimball Union Academy. He and Sally still live in Meriden, N.H., where he has a private airstrip (still thawing out in April, when we spoke). Daughter Pat keeps her Cessna 150 there and together they are able to enjoy some quality flying time. ✳ Not too early to think about coming back for Homecoming. Fall at Bread Loaf is really beautiful. And you really should see the new library—a far cry from the Porter Library that we knew.

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Secretary Doe reports: Have you noticed that our news is moving to the first pages of the alumni section? We are indeed seniors, but many of us are still active and in fairly good health. ✳ **Mary Hickox Lecko** has been a library volunteer since 1987. She reads novels and history to keep up with two book groups. ✳ We caught **Allie Landis Tonry** with peanut butter sandwich in hand, but she paused to tell us that she enjoyed an interesting tour in China last fall, including a cruise from Beijing to Shanghai on the Yangtze River. ✳ **Eleanor Wilcox Murphy** and her husband regularly visit family in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and California. She also serves on the altar guild of her church and with Gray Lady activities at the hospital. ✳ In October **Peggy Bullock Marti** and Don visited family via Amtrak, an improvement over the Green Mountain Flyer and walking to campus carrying suitcases! They didn't even have wheels in those days! ✳ Joe and **Gertrude Lacey Thornton** sold their home of 31 years and moved to a nearby continuing care community, Fleet Landing, in Atlantic Beach, Fla. "I teach oriental brush painting and we enjoy varied activities and new friendships." ✳ Now in assisted living at Heron Point, Chestertown, Md., **Barbara Higham Winner** hopes to move back to Pennsylvania to be near family, including great-grandchildren. ✳ We want to commend the memory of **Kay Sempepos Silliman** and all that she did for this class through the years. Also, **John Gale** deserves a gold star for composing news for both the men and women at a very stressful time in his life. ✳ They are fortunate residents who have **Beth Warner Carney** as a neighbor in her senior complex. She enjoys the walkway along the Pacific, leads a busy life, and proclaims the wonders of fish oil. Her family was going to Reno to attend a performance of her daughter's dance studio. ✳ Dutch '44 and **Inky Ohlander DePodwin** live in their original home and enjoy their second home in Roxbury, N.Y., on weekends in warm weather. Their three children and six grandchildren are all in the area. ✳ **Scott** and **Putt Wolff Eakeley** "count their blessings," although they too experience various health problems. They recently celebrated their 61st anniversary with their family, including four grandchildren. ✳ Bouckie (**Helen Bookie Hildebrandt**) has lived in a nice retirement complex for six years. Son Mark and his wife, Mary Ann, live in her former home in Saugerties, N.Y. Getting rid of so much "stuff" was difficult, but now it's a relief not to worry about shoveling snow, mowing lawns, frozen pipes, etc. ✳ Secretary Gale reports: Sometimes in talking with '43ers on the phone, I'm reminded of morning reports back at the teaching hospitals, such is the listing of the various ailments that are befalling us as octogenarians. So it was a change to find people who seem immune to the passage of years, e.g. **Phil Backup** who, with Ruth, has moved from Washington state to Redmond, Ore., where the weather is better and they can play more golf and do more skiing. And they were planning a six-week trip to Hawaii for even more golf. Phil's mother at 100 gave up caring for her yard, although continued to do her own housekeeping. ✳ **Howie Friedman** and his wife, having just returned from vacationing in St. John in the Virgin Islands, were planning a trip to France to visit his wife's family and do some mountain climbing. Howie is the executive secretary of the International Philosophers for Peace. A few years ago, while visiting centers of the Buddhist religion in northern India and Thailand at the time of a mass pilgrimage of millions of Hindus to the

Ganges River, they were briefly in the Ganges themselves, carried forward by the pressure of the hordes of pilgrims. They have a daughter living in Boston; their son is an osteopathic physician in Montpelier, Vt. ✷ **Fred Booth** says the Kitty Hawk area is becoming crowded, what with the pleasant weather and lower cost of living. Recovering from an attack of gout in March, he remarked that the medical profession has taken good care of him with a successful cardiac bypass 10 years ago and a knee joint replacement more recently. He swims nearly every day, and he and Faith are building a pool for when the ocean is too cold. ✷ **Jim Clark** has been slowed somewhat by parkinsonism, but helped by medication. They are disappointed not to be able to keep up their faithful Alumni College attendance this year. Dotty (Brown) '44 continues to lead her water exercise class. They report a trip to Middlebury last fall to tour the new library and were indeed favorably impressed. **Skip Wilkin Dimond** and Bob Rude are often their dinner companions at Evergreen Woods. ✷ **Bud Nims** not only continues with the Primerica financial organization, but on Saturdays he helps with maintenance at the local Health South day surgery unit where his wife worked as a nurse, putting in 12- or 14-hour days. He regretted to report the death of a daughter, age 48, in 2003. ✷ In West Stockbridge, Mass., **Comstock Small** is still thinking about moving back to Maine where he grew up. Wife Linda remains active in her social work and gardening. Comstock says he's happiest doing outside physical work around their farm and taking care of their two corgis. He reports being in good health. Photographer daughter Antonia lives nearby; their other daughter lives in Maine. ✷ I'm sorry to report the death of **Harry Rossi** in Wyoming, Ohio, on Feb. 22, 2005. Harry was a living example of the Horatio Alger story, coming to the U.S. at age 11 from his native Italy, attending Middlebury on a Vermont State Scholarship, serving in the 36th Infantry Division in Europe in WWII, graduating from Harvard Business School, and becoming the CEO of a large insurance company in Ohio. **Bob Byington** tells me this was all presaged, reminding me that even in Middlebury Harry ran a smoke shop and small variety store from his dormitory room.

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We are always glad to be able to report that classmates continue to get together and reminisce about Middlebury days and catch up on family news. We hear that **Betty Mercer McChrystal** and **Irene Ruthenberg Conner** make an effort to meet occasionally for lunch. We are sure many more of such meetings occur. Tell us about them! **Ricki Wheaton Evans** has visited **Nancy Read** in Florida during the winter and with **Bill** and **Ingrid Monk Stevenson** in April. Nancy also entertained us for a few days while we spent our usual month of March in Florida with daughter Meg, granddaughter Katie, and her two children. We are looking forward to a family wedding in July on an island in Casco Bay in Maine. ✷ **Sally Curtis** finds herself "cramped visually," with cataracts and macular degeneration. But she is excited to be learning Brahms' Requiem in German: "After all these years, I finally get to sing it all!" ✷ **Barbara Hall Seay** enjoys *Middlebury Magazine*. She reports that they find retirement community living comfortable and pleasant at the Forest at Duke in Durham, N.C. ✷ **M. Jane Nielsen** is enjoying life in Hawaii. She recently took a trip to the Sea of Cortes and went whale watching: "Saw 65-70 sperm whales basking on the surface!" Then she continued to a spa in Guadalajara. ✷ We have been told that **Tommy Ring Hennefrund** is finishing the last book in her series of books for children. ✷ We have a note from **Mary Whitney Cassedy**: "Enjoyed my 60th reunion last June! My nearly three-year-old twin grandsons keep me hopping—live in same house. Still very active, but winter cold is hard on joints. Still ride horseback in warmer months." ✷ **Muriel Roome Wakeman** went on a cruise to Hawaii in March. She told us in a phone conversation that she just had to go to Maryland to see a high school play directed by her granddaughter. We say, of course, who would want to miss an event like that? ✷ We are sorry to report the loss of two of our classmates. **Raymond Tierney** died on February 2 and **Rose Baruzzi** on February 14. Our condolences to their families. ✷ **Al Rathbun** sent us news of the death of William Craig '37 at age 90. No doubt some of you may remember being interviewed by Mr. Craig when you were seeking admission, as he was the assistant director of admissions at Middlebury from 1939 to 1941. Al also reported that he and wife Sally were looking forward to upcoming trips. In April they were going to Phoenix, Santa Fe, and Tucson. In June they planned to attend Al's reunion at Mt. Hermon School in Massachusetts. ✷ We assume all of you have received a letter, as we have, from **Hugh Taft**, our class agent, regarding annual giving and from **Nancy Read**, who is our class representative to the Cane Society. We are sure we all appreciate their willingness to serve in these important posts. Speaking of appreciation: we would appreciate hearing about what is going on in your life from more of you—and don't tell us that the answer is nothing. We know better!

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The next column will hopefully have an exciting report of our 60th reunion. On that topic I received a wonderful message from **Barbara Drury Sand** with "best wishes to all who are able to get together at the 60th reunion plus the rest of our class, no matter where they are now, who may be unable to come—like me." Since her husband's death in 2004, Barbara has moved to a lovely retirement home (Greenwich Bay Manor, 945 Main St., Apt. 24C, East Greenwich, RI 02818), between the homes of her daughter and her granddaughter. There she is in touch with all her grandchildren and great-grands, as well as with her sister, who is in the same complex. Barbara misses the senior singing competition at Middlebury, but is now enjoying being in the Bay Chorus, an in-house group. Barbara had broken her wrist, but when it heals she will again be able to drive her car locally. ✷ **Elaine King Dandh** recently returned from a writers' conference at Lake Chopala, an American/Canadian expatriate community near Guadalajara, Mexico. "Here I read from my latest book, *Guadalajara Switch*. Much applause and all copies sold out. Now back to computer, working on my fourth novel." ✷ From **Audrey Nunnemacher Pertl** in Utah: "I have lived for 50 years in our home on the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains. Six ski resorts are within an hour's drive by car and three more a bit further away. Being a Wisconsin transplant, I am happy here." ✷ Bob and **Lois Faulkner Dawson** are still enjoying the North Carolina mountains: "We don't hike them as we used to, but regular walking and gardening, plus classes at our local college, keep us busy." Daughter Melissa is an occupational therapist in Asheville, son David has a water purification business in Aspen (Colo.), and daughter Debbie graduated this May with a legal degree. ✷ It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Elizabeth Casey Wallace** on February 11. She and husband Ken, who were approaching their 40th wedding anniversary, had moved from New Canaan, Conn., to Seattle, Wash., to be near their two daughters. They had recently relocated to a retirement community, where Ken can be reached (Bay View Manor #401, 11 W. Aloha St., Seattle, WA 98115). ✷ We also convey the sympathy of the class to the families of **Edward Adams** (who died on September 13, 2004) and of **Helena Cioffi Stoffel** (who died on December 9, 2004. ✷ While building their home in 1983, **Roy** and Beverly Boynton '48 **Kinsey** were introduced to the McDowell Mountain Range, where Roy subsequently chaired a task force and then a commission. He is still serving now. Their community of Fountain Hills, Ariz., has acquired 940 acres for the McDowell Mountain Preserve. Its overlook trail provides a view over the Verde Valley toward the Four Peaks. On a clear day the view exceeds 25 miles in all directions. The newspaper article Roy sent informs us that "Kinsey talks about views and mountain travels from experience as he has hiked in the Alps in Austria and Switzerland, in Peru and in Alaska and New Zealand." ✷ There have been some fortunate changes in the McClellan family. Bruce and **Mew Wisotzkey McClellan** were offered a "Thoreau" at RiverMead retirement community. A "Thoreau" consists of a living room, dining room, bedroom, kitchen, and two baths, plus a glassed-in sun room, all on the ground floor. They officially accepted this offer on February 28 and planned to move on April 18. Since son Bill will be taking over their current home, some details did not need to be accomplished by that date. A sample of their preparations for moving, in Mew's words: "Today we tried lunch on a drum table and two Windsor armchairs as a possible cozy location for breakfasts and lunches, but this arrangement did not find favor with either of us." Good luck, McClellans, with the downsizing. ✷ **Ann Robinson Walker** had a glorious week at Siesta Key, Fla., with Hitch's brother, Jim Hitchner, and his wife, Rosemary. What a welcome break from this year's most unpleasant New Jersey winter. An added treat was a wonderful evening with Harlan and **Alice Southworth Twible**, who live nearby in Sarasota.

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Ross and **Vava Stafford Brown** recently celebrated 59 years of wedded bliss (can anyone in the Class of 1946 beat that record?) and they have both turned (ahem) 80. Way to go, guys! Who among us can forget Vava at our 50th reunion going through her cheerleading routines? Even at 18 years of age, our hips never swiveled like that! The Browns celebrated by taking a cruise with three of their five children on a 12-meter sailing ship to St Maarten—even winning a race. Evidently, once you know

how to man the winches and grinders, you never forget. They hope to make our 60th reunion next year—and so should you! ✳ **Elaine Gavagan Eichorn** is pleased to have two sons and one daughter living in her Charlotte, N.C., area. Another son works for the Texas Rangers baseball team, while another son works for the Charleston Stingrays. Gav has 11 grandchildren. ✳ In Attleboro, Mass., **Betty Moulton Clark** tutors children, serves on a literacy center board, is active in her church, participates in a 49-year-young book study group, and vigorously roots for the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. Betty keeps in touch with **Gladys Swift Seibert**'s son, Peter, who is executive director of a museum in Lancaster, Pa. ✳ We send our condolences to **Mary Albertson Thom**, who lost her husband to Parkinson's disease in August 2004. Reporting on the excellent care and support they received at their continuing care retirement community, she advises: "If any of you are on the fence in such decisions, don't wait." ✳ **Adele Pottenger Edgerton** reports from Kendal in Hanover, N.H., where her husband receives exceptionally good care in the nursing wing for his MS. Adele is able to continue with her cross-country skiing, bridge, church work, gardening, and (in the summertime) tending to her cottage in Friendship, Maine, where she enjoys swimming, sailing, kayaking, and raking seaweed off the beach. She occasionally sees **Avery** and Peg Rowland '45 **Post** at Kendal and hoped to see **Dusty Manchester Nixon** this summer. ✳ **Joan Campbell Shaw** has retired from downhill racing for the more sedate cross-country skiing. She is also trying to learn how to use snowshoes. Her grandchildren are busy trying to keep up with her. At the time of this writing, she and Doug were in Florida for two weeks. ✳ Last fall, **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** received the royal tour of Scarborough, Maine, when she visited **Gloria Antolini Keyser** at her new home. The Hohmeister fruit and veggie gardens back in Connecticut had a bountiful harvest last fall, and Jo spent a lot of time freezing the crops. In a belated report, last year Jo and Frank celebrated 55 years of marriage with their three sons and families. If we remember correctly, Frank and Jo started dating in kindergarten. **Glo Keyser** is busy in her new home in a retirement community, working in the library, volunteering in the store, and acting as guide for prospective new residents. She occasionally sees Joanne Buckeridge Booth '47, who lives nearby. ✳ **Sheila Schmidt Rowland**, who continues to travel to such exotic foreign lands as Nantucket, tries to keep up with the activities of nine grandchildren. ✳ **Becky Fraser Cremer** has relocated from Hilo, Hawaii, to Sonora, Calif. While the weather may be different, she is now close to two of her children and three grandchildren. She's near Modesto, where she formerly lived, giving her the chance to visit with longtime friends. ✳ Living in Davis, Calif., **Doris Smith Earnshaw** recently finished editing a book of essays on *The Berkeley Literary Women's Revolution*. Doris and four other contributors tell about setting up a women's literary salon in 1969, in reponse to the fact that female writers were largely ignored at UC, Berkeley. Their movement led to the establishment of the first women's studies major at Berkeley and helped to produce the first major anthologies of women's poetry. ✳ **Susan Taylor Isenberg** proudly announces that her son and his wife have opened up a coffeehouse in Greenwich Village, N.Y., where "cutting edge art, drama readings, and jazz all intersect." ✳ **Frances Tenney Coombs** sold her Venice, Fla., condo and has taken up residence in New Jersey. She has encountered a few health problems, but seems to be doing much better now. Fran enjoys being near her younger daughter and two little grandchildren. ✳ We like the attitude of **Helen Riggs Rice**: "Each new day is accepted as a blessing to be enjoyed." ✳ **Phyllis Faber Warren**, using husband Tim as her surrogate typist, reports that they are comfortably ensconced in a condo in their beloved town of Concord, Mass. They are understandably proud of granddaughter Jessica Warren, who recently graduated from Middlebury with many honors. ✳ Claiming to be "computer illiterate," **Kelly Delong Desmond** sends us a gorgeous e-mail with stars and happy faces, all in vivid technicolor. This winter, Kelly spent a week skiing in Italy and also a week in Dixville Notch, N.H., skiing with **Ruth "Smiley" Riley Wendell**. Smiley tells of a wonderful trip to Iceland last summer. When not skiing, Kelly competes in 5K walks, serves as planning board chair in Neversink, N.Y., and plays weekly bridge. Kelly reminds us that our next reunion is not far off which gives us a good opportunity again to remind everyone to keep June 2006 open so *all* of you can attend our 60th reunion.

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Alice De Lorenzo Stansbury planned to visit Houston in January, and **Marion Durkee Stillman** was to visit Florida and then San Diego early in 2005, spending time with her children. ✳ Bill and **Jinny Stowell James** visited their daughter and family in Florida in late autumn. ✳ **Tiffany Clark Nourse** and Bart '48 sent word of socializing regularly with Bill and **Penny Atkins Louth**. Penny and Bill live quite near the Nourses in Harwich on Cape Cod. News reports of an especially stormy winter for the Cape told of snowdrifts several feet high and some days without electric power, so we know they were looking forward to the summer. ✳ **Philip** and Jean Sloan '49 **Briggs** enjoy golfing while spending the winter in Arizona. They also have a house in Shelburne, Vt. They are looking forward to doing some downsizing so that, in 2007, they can sell the house in Shelburne and move into Wake Robin. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Phil retired from Metropolitan Life in 1993, then served as CEO of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 11 more years until his second retirement. Thanks for writing, Phil! ✳ Two bits of sad news regarding classmates arrived recently from the College. **Eugene Hubbard**, a former Navy man and lawyer, died on December 19, 2004. The sympathy of our class is extended to his family. We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Elizabeth (B.A.) Holmgren Hendrickson**, who died on February 23, 2005. Many of us have memories of one or both of these classmates, and we will miss them. ✳ **Steeny Rolls Pepin**, who lives in Newport, Vt., e-mailed that she had a brief visit last summer with **Ginny Lee Costello** and her daughter. Our other Vermonters seem primarily to have spent the harsh winter keeping snug and safe, as **Lynn Bruhn** and **Jean Davis Battey** are doing so well. ✳ An e-mail note from Charles Butts '48 came one day, as he was seeking the address for **Jack** and **Edie Gordon Dawson**. Yes, we can serve as classmate locaters also! Your secretary's final word as the years roll onward: collect CANS, not CAN'TS!

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Tom Johnson sent Bart a note on stationery that pictures his house, his wife, and his dog *four times*, "the dog being the household's dominant factor," he says. Tom is still quite the artist. I have some of his postcards. ✳ **Dick Haseltine** and wife Ginny are doing well up in Orrington, Maine. He recently had a physical and is happy to report that all is well—at age 85! He and Ginny are fine with the exception of Ginny's macular degeneration in her right eye. They have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Dick would like to correspond with friends via e-mail at rshafel@peoplepc.com. ✳ **David Smith** enjoys an "active" retirement, interspersed with visits to children and grandchildren in Massachusetts, NYC, and Annapolis. Healthwise he's doing okay, helped by heart surgery five years ago and, more recently, a new left knee and some lower spine fusion. "Best to all," he adds. He and his wife continue reading and study in German, heightening their trips to Germany and Austria, especially for the "Musik." ✳ **Larry Washington** visited briefly in January with **Larry Thompson** in Hawaii. He reports that the Thompsons, who reside in Portland, Ore., are still studying the American Indian languages of northern Washington and British Columbia. All of this despite a very serious stroke he had some 18 years ago. ✳ Though wintering in Destin, Fla., **Dick Caswell** is a year-round resident of Bennington, Vt., "despite what the college directory has listed." He has been a resident there since 1956. All is well. He has slowed down a bit, like many of us, and loves getting back home to Vermont from Florida. ✳ After obtaining a Ph.D. at Cornell, **John Dawson** joined the faculty at Grinnell College in 1957 and remained there as a prof. of economics until retirement in 1992. He and wife Edie Gordon Dawson '47 still live in Grinnell (despite the Iowa winters) because of friendships there and the cultural climate the college provides. During Jack's tenure, they spent time on leaves in New York, Washington, London, and two years in Uganda at Makerere University. In retirement, the Dawsons continue to travel, often to visit their daughter in California and their son in Colorado. They frequently travel to Italy, with another trip planned for this summer. ✳ **Charles** and **Mim Wade Butts** sadly notified us of the death of **Jane Anne Saurman Myers** on March 18 at her home in West Harwich, Mass., after a brief illness. Jane and Mim were roommates for several years at Midd. ✳ The condolences of the class are also extended to **Jean Allan Miller**, whose husband Daniel died on October 1, 2004. Jean sent a heartwarming remark that echoes the sentiments of many other Midd spouses: "Dan was an alum of Indiana University, but felt very welcome and 'at home' at Middlebury whenever we were there." ✳ When we asked **Gloria Tanner Assi**, who has been living in Paris since 1956, how the average Parisian citizen feels about the USA these days, she made some interesting comments. She notes that "elite" Americans usually love France and the French people, while many "heartland" Americans no longer love the French since 9/11. In France, she finds it to be just the opposite: the French "elite" (many of whom are leftist intellectuals) were very disappointed in the changes in the U.S. and in many Americans since September 11, but the French in the heartland of France (outside of Paris), many of whom remember the GIs who came to free them from the Nazis at the end of World War II, still love America. Gloria points out that many Europeans didn't realize what a jolt September 11 was to the U.S. and to what extent

Americans felt they were "at war" with terrorists, because there are many well-organized terrorist groups in Europe and most European countries are used to terrorism. "Anyway, now that the dust is settling, I think that both the French and the Americans have come to the conclusion that they all went too far in their antagonistic rejections of each other's opinions and it's time to try to repair the damage. In conclusion, I can only say that all my French friends still love the U.S. and all my American friends and family still love France."
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As reported in the spring column, Roger and **Jinny Dunn Beach** moved in March '04 to Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, "where the cornfields, silos, and cows we see remind us of the dairy country in New York state where we spent 37 years." **June Smith Mylin** grew up there and has driven them around town to see her old haunts. Jinny writes that June "gave me letters I'd sent her here in Quarryville in 1947!" ✷ Tony '50 and **Cleone Jones Sporborg** were off for a trip to England and Scotland in early spring. ✷ **Barbara Knapp Bull** was sorry to miss our reunion: "I am a full-time caregiver for Bill, who suffers from memory loss and very low energy. His personality is the same and we are concentrating on the few things we can do—mostly read aloud and short walks. We are coping with the gradual changes and have wonderful support from family and friends." She sends greetings to all. ✷ **Ann Holt Watkins** reports that their condo in Vero suffered extensive damage in the hurricanes, so they rented other quarters for the winter. ✷ The condolences of the class are extended to **Rachel Adkins Platt** on the death her husband, George, on February 12. ✷ It is also sad to report the death of **Patricia McFarland Moyer** on January 18. **Alice Hardy** attended Patsy's memorial service in West Chester, Pa. ✷ Condolences are also extended to the families of **Rebecca Belisle Baute**, who died on February 25, and of **Lawrence Smith**, who passed away on March 11.
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Never let it be said that our class is lazy. **Joan Metzger Brisbin** and Lanny, who have moved from their home in West Virginia and will be spending summers in Pennsylvania and winters in Florida, are still active in tennis. In the summer of 2004 Joan participated in a Friendship Cup tournament in Portschach, Austria, for women 75 and older. Twelve U.S. players and 12 international players took part in the Cup event and in the European Championships which followed. She will miss the Midd reunion this year because she'll be in Kansas City for the National Indoor Tournament. Her national ranking for 2004 is No. 13 in her age-group singles and No. 5 in doubles. Joan writes, "There was no women's tennis team when I was at Midd. You've come a long way baby!" ✷ Secretary **Scotty Paterson** and **John O'Connor** compete in the annual Gordie Perine '49 golf tournament. They prepare by shooting toward their ages, and Scotty was waiting until June 9 to hit the 79 mark. ✷ **Ginny Hardy Moser**, **Carol Hentz Spooner**, Nat Benson Fraioli '48, and **Ginsy Calhoun Frost** exercise frequently by lifting their forks at lunch and discussing politics, literature, etc. ✷ **Dick Shea** writes: "My wife Sally and I have been back to Midd occasionally over the years, but several times in the past three years to visit our grandson Christopher Shea, a junior. He loves Midd! Last year his father recommended that he look into the possibility of taking a semester in Europe. Chris's response: 'No way! Do you want me to give up all of this!' As I said, he loves Midd. I have great memories of my undergraduate years, but these last few visits with Chris have made me appreciate Midd even more. After graduation I served two years in the Army in Germany during the Korean War. After being discharged, I married my high school sweetheart, Sally, who retired from elementary teaching after three years to raise our family. We have been married for 53 years and blessed with seven children, two girls and five boys. They have given us 17 wonderful, healthy, and active grandchildren (*Editor's note: Is this a class record?*) who keep us very busy visiting and vacationing with them and, of course, baby-sitting. I visited in Florida with Ed Coppinger '51, one of the many close friends I enjoyed at Midd, and his wife, Ruth. Two of my sons graduated from Westminster School, where I had the chance to see and chat with **Bruce Burdett**, a former friend and Midd basketball teammate." ✷ **Sidney Hamolsky** has two big events to celebrate this year: 50 years of marriage and his retirement after serving in the U.S. Information Agency/State Department for 34 years. He served in Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Japan, and Greece. Congratulations, Sidney! ✷ About 12 years ago, **Bill Stearns** retired from teaching advanced physics at Windham High School in Willimantic, Conn., and evening classes at UConn and Eastern Conn. State Univ. He is still an active member of a magicians' club in the area. In the past ten years he has become involved in the art of origami and does beautiful work, according to his wife, Milly. He assists in teaching origami at Mystic Seaport. He and Milly are charter members of the Mystic Aquarium and longtime members at the Seaport, where they spend much time. Bill's skiing has been curtailed by severe back injuries, but he spends many hours with their four children, their spouses, and five grandchildren. ✷ We regret to report the deaths of **John Sowles** on September 9, 2004, and of **Hedy Tafelmaier Stark**'s husband, Egon. Our sympathies are with their families.
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Don Glen-Reiland, who attended Middlebury on the GI bill after the war, has come out with a book, *From Darien to D-Day: A Love Story*. He didn't talk about his experiences in World War II much for some 50 years, but attending the 50th anniversary of D-Day in France 10 years ago changed his thinking. Don was a paratrooper who landed in Normandy in the D-Day invasion and went on to participate in the liberation of Sainte-Mère-Eglise. The book draws on boxes of letters and pictures he had saved, as well as his memories and those of other survivors he was able to track down. You can contact him at donglen@hollister1.com. ✷ **Don Axinn** has received some very nice coverage recently in the *New York Times*. Don is reportedly working with Jamie Redford on the screenplay of his next book, *Allan, Burning*. ✷ We regret to report the death of **John Burkewitz** on January 8, 2005. A memorial appeared in the spring issue.
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Word from Hugh Marlow '57 was that he heard **Jane Rupp Cooke** talk about skiing on Vermont Public Radio. Jane had been skiing all winter as usual and was interviewed while at Killington. Jim and Jane are still ski racing in the USSA Masters program. The finals of the NE Sise Cup series were held in mid-March at Sunday River, Maine, where they got together with **Carol Witham Brewster**. Then the Cookes were scheduled to compete out West at Big Sky (Mont.), and Sun Valley the beginning of April. Jane writes: "At our advanced age the competition field gets smaller but more intense and lots of fun!" Jane was also happy about grandson David (son of Steve '83 and Martha Cooke Somach '82) going to Italy to play violin in his high school orchestra tour. ✷ **Carol Whitham Brewster** skied out in Banff during the first week of March, then enjoyed skiing in Maine at Sugarloaf with **Carol Holmes Phillips** and at Sunday River with the Cookes. ✷ **Carol Annable Bastian** writes that her daughter and son both had weddings in the past year. She gained two new step-grandchildren through her son. Carol still works part time. In the past year, she and her husband have traveled by motor home to Virginia and cross-country up to Montana and Canada to Banff and Lake Louise. They have also visited many national parks (Yellowstone, Zion, Bryce) and ended up with a short tour of Las Vegas. "Not my cup of tea but we were curious," said Carol. ✷ **Alice Hildrerth Rand** had a wonderful early spring trip on the *Delta Queen*, "paddle boating down the Mississippi." When she returned she was "basking in the aura of great jazz, blues, and excellent interpretation of Civil War sites." ✷ **Judy Webster Barton** went to meet with our new Midd president, Ronald Liebowitz, when he spoke to about 165 Midd-ites in the San Francisco Bay area. She was very impressed with him and news of the Middlebury scene. Judy remembers her two years with our class as memorable ones and spoke of enjoying the 25th reunion. She plans to make the 75th! She's busy with the Garden Club of America and Barton Properties real estate. She also enjoys golf, skiing, swimming, and being on Stanford committees of various kinds. Her three children are all in California so she gets to see them and her two grandchildren. ✷ Still involved in U.S. Masters swimming competitions, **Cynthia Hodgson Barton** can't wait to be 75 and the youngest in her group, instead of 74 and the oldest. A regular participant in courses given by ILEAD (Institute for Lifelong Learning at Dartmouth), she hopes to attend Middlebury's Alumni College this summer. When she completes her two-year term at Upper Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, she plans to fill the time volunteering with ILEAD and other groups. ✷ **Nancy Harrison Bove** has a new address in the same town, a move necessitated by a hip replacement a year ago. A ranch home is much more convenient for her and husband Joe. They are very active in the Unitarian Society, just two blocks down the road. They have sons living in Brandon and Jericho, Vt.; their daughter is in West Simsbury, Conn. Nancy and Joe were looking forward to a birding trip to North Carolina in May. ✷ **Paula Loughran Zahniser** called with great news, the

THEY MARCHED UP THE LONG WALKWAY to Mead Chapel in bunches. Some still clutched ice cream that was handed out by the Cane Society. Most grabbed a bottle of water before they entered the warm confines of Mead to cheers and applause. It's not often that people stand and cheer for you, but for the members of each reunion class entering the chapel for convocation, it was as if they were rock stars for a brief and shining moment.

The loudest cheers, of course, were reserved for the 50th reunion class and those preceding them, with each class carrying banners that marked off five-year intervals. And those cheers were received by plenty of people. Nearly 100 members of the Class of 1955 returned for their 50th reunion, a turnout that represented the highest rate of return, so to speak, with 43 percent. Alumni from the classes of 1950, 1945, 1940, 1935, and 1930 were the last to enter the chapel, and it seemed that the loudest cheers delivered for this group came from the youngest class, the Class of 2000, who appeared to take up the entire forward area of Mead.

It was a weekend that featured, among other things, continuing education classes with environmental scholar Bill McKibben and poet India Hixon Radfar '90; a screening of the documentary *Keeper of the Kohn*; a Francois Clemmons concert; a John Hunisak-led tour of art in public places; the aforementioned reunion parade and convocation; tours of the new library; old friendships rekindled; and new acquaintances made. It was, by all accounts, a weekend worth remembering and savoring, until it's time to do it again in five years' time.

Reunion by the Numbers

1,162
Total number of alums back

1,726
Total number of attendees

14
Number of countries represented at reunion

42
Number of states represented

1980, 197
Class with highest attendence (and total)

10,001 miles
by Peter Holmes a' Court '90
from Sydney, Australia
Greatest distance traveled

TOP: With 197 alums in attendance, the 25th reunion class claimed bragging rights for having the highest attendance during Reunion Weekend.

LEFT: Alums from the 25th reunion class were all smiles for this pic. And for most of the weekend, for that matter.

ABOVE: A very warm day on Saturday gave way to a seasonably cool evening—just in time for a tented dinner on Battell Beach.

ABOVE RIGHT: Ladies from the 50th reunion class show off their Gamaliel Painter canes.

LEFT: Sue Follett Panella '80 greets friends at class headquarters.

ABOVE: Annie Cowherd Kallaher '80 gets a hug

ABOVE RIGHT: The Class of 1950 gathers behind the President's House.

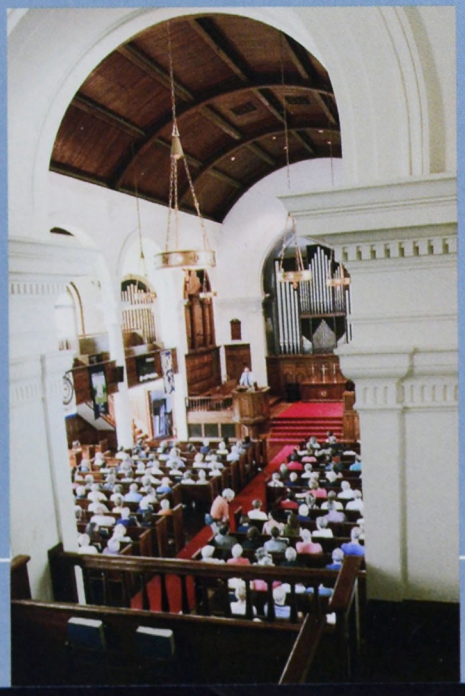
RIGHT: The Class of 1980 parades into convocation.

LEFT: Chaplain Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79 speaks at the dedication of the Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life.

LEFT: Members of the Cane Society enjoy lunch in Ross Dining Hall.

BELOW LEFT: President Ronald D. Liebowitz welcomes Conwell Abbott '30 back to campus for his 75th reunion.

BELOW RIGHT: The 5th reunion class—with 177 members returning for the weekend—gathers for a picture outside Voter Hall.



FAR LEFT: Journalist—and Middlebury scholar in residence—Bill McKibben captivated a Mead Chapel audience with a continuing education class, in which he reflected on his walk from Ripton, Vermont, to a cabin in the Adirondacks.

LEFT: Alums gather in Chellis House at a reception for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender alumni and friends.

arrival of her twin great-granddaughters on February 24. Parents of the twins are Patrick and Jane Zahniser O'Neal '88. ✳ Secretary **Jeanne Parker Cahill** extends thanks to all who answered my postcard pleas for news. Please keep it coming. We all enjoy reading of each other's doings.
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Janet Nutt Lembke has received a 2005-2006 NEA translation grant for Virgil's *Georgics*, first published c. 30 B.C. ✳ Returning from a recent visit to Costa Rica, Carol and **Millard Davis** continued on to London and Paris. He writes that he became a master gardener of Florida recently. ✳ **Bill** and **Jan Wagner Schongar** write: "Since our 'major' reunion in '03, we are enjoying our 'mini' reunions—**Link Furber**'s in Maine '04 and Dick and **Nana Dean Kennedy**'s in Michigan '05." ✳ In summer '04, **Charlie** and **Pat Heap Rockwell** and son Steve spent two nights on Mount St. Michel, before enjoying a week with **Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer** in Paris. After Paris, they splashed in the Diana Fountain the day after its dedication in Hyde Park. "We reveled in its openness and availability for Londoners and tourists alike. The positive atmosphere in London paralleled the smiles of those viewing *The Gates* in NYC's Central Park in February 2005."
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Secretary Ryan reports: The start of another big year! Emily and I enjoyed the Middlebury ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, hosted by Harvey Gray '61 and his wife, Marge. Absolutely terrific! There were about 40 of us, from many states, many from the class of '61, others from '51, '55, '69, and '72. In addition, there are more than 100 Middlebury graduates in Ketchum, Idaho, a town of about 3,500. Most of our group stayed at The Inn or The Lodge, two beautiful old piles built by the Union Pacific Railroad. The Grays did a magnificent job of ensuring that all of us were well taken care of and comfortable. The weather was sunny and warm the entire time with typical eastern spring skiing—a little slush on one side, a little crust on the other! With lots of good restaurants and shops, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or lounging in an enormous circular heated pool, there was always plenty to do. And compared to other ski resorts, the price was more than reasonable. If you haven't been, winter or summer, you ought to go! ✳ Had a wonderful phone conversation with **Jill McKinstrey Hamilton**, now living in Brewster on the Cape. After Midd, two children, and a divorce, Jill got her master's in psychology from Harvard and a Ph.D. from Boston Univ., all on her own. A lot of hard work! She has been in private practice for many years and (like **Bill Skiff**, a longtime high school counselor) has seen many changes in our society. Jill feels that she sees more dysfunctional individuals and families now than in the past, partly because of greater abuse of drugs and alcohol and partly because there is less stigma attached to aberrant behavior and conversations about it. In passing, Jill noted that more and more children are being put on behavior modification drugs. "In the past, good teachers were able to easily handle problem children in the classroom. Today, the teacher can't handle it and that same child is put on Ritalin." But, she noted while talking about teacher competence, opportunities for women in the '50s and '60s were generally limited to teaching, secretarial work, and nursing. Now, those very bright women are going to medical school and law school, rather than teaching. On the subject of opportunities for women, she asked, "How many female full professors were teaching at Middlebury when we were there?" A lot has changed. She finished with a story about one of her grandchildren (7), who interrupted her while she was working on a book she's writing. She told him, "I have other things to do. I'm not just Grandma." His response, after a pause, was almost metaphysical: "Well, who are you?" ✳ Spoke with **Dick Schmidt** with whom I had shared a number of economics classes. After graduation, Dick acquired a law degree and moved to Burlington, where he practiced law and served three terms in the state General Assembly. Moving to D.C. in 1966 to work in the Department of Transportation on highway beautification programs with Lady Bird Johnson, he subsequently moved to the Labor Dept. and worked some 30 years in the solicitors office, a small group that specialized in drafting the DOL legislation and providing legal opinions on current and pending labor legislation. He served under every secretary of labor from Willard Wirtz to Robert Reich (10 of them). Those that he remembered most vividly were John Dunlop, a Harvard economist and Republican, who, though an academic, "was a rough and tumble sort of guy who actively defended the labor laws," and Robert Reich, "a very bright and astute man." Now retired, Dick and wife Joan live in Bowie, Md., and have a second home in Orwell, Vt. After raising three children, they are doing some foreign and domestic traveling, including a drive to Southern California for Joan's high school reunion. After a recent trip on the Rhine, they were considering a driving tour of Central Europe. ✳ It's good to hear from these classmates, both of whom continue to be very active and good examples for us all! So keep those cards and letters coming and, like Jill and Dick, stay active, stay connected!
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When you read this, winter will be long gone and our 50th reunion behind us. However, a fantastic class event happened last February that you will all want to know about. **George Limbach** organized a ski trip to Vail and 20 classmates showed up. We had six days of beautiful weather and terrific ski conditions. Dave and **Sally Dickerman Brew** proved to be wonderful guides and led us all over Vail and Beaver Creek. **Judd Zecher Colton** hosted **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, **Kathy Hughes vonHartz**, **Scotty MacGregor Gillette**, and **Pat Hinman Makin** in her condo. **Carolyn Edgar Goodrham** flew all the way from England, while **Jim Kennedy** came from nearby Colorado Springs. Also attending were **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers**, Linda and **Frank Punderson**, **Tom** and Lyndia Smith '58 **Lamson**, **Gordon Brown** and friend Sylvia Swain, and Caleb and **Sidney Brock Gates**. We had memorable dinners together and always met for lunch on top of the mountain. Some us didn't downhill, but enjoyed cross-country skiing and tubing. Rumor has it that George will plan another trip next winter. Be sure to sign up early, as you will have the time of your life! Thanks, George, for all your work in getting us together. ✳ **David Stone** writes: "Still enjoying life. I have missed all of the reunions to this point and I don't believe that I will be able to attend the 50th. My thoughts are with you all." ✳ **Alan Frese**, recently back from Australia, was looking forward to seeing classmates again at the 50th.
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Mint Dole writes that he's counseling for SCORE, a national not-for-profit organization sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Association. Members of SCORE help small business start-ups by assisting entrepreneurs develop business plans and secure financing to become successful. **Bill Houghton** is also a member of the Cleveland chapter of SCORE. This organization (SCORE.org) is always looking for volunteers, an opportunity to share your business knowledge. ✳ Fr. **Ron Lawson** was off to Germany once again on March 4, with plans to return to Boston on May 12. While in Germany, he was celebrating his 35th anniversary of ordination on May 5. Congratulations, Fr. Ron! ✳ Barbara and **John Chase** have sold their alpaca ranch in St. Helena, Calif., and moved south to St. Anselm, where they live in a condo during the week and retreat to a small house on the ocean on weekends. At this writing, they were headed for the Dalmatian coast and Croatia. ✳ By popular request, there will be another Middlebury mini-reunion in September 2005 at Timberlock, **Dick Catlin**'s family camp. Be on the lookout for the details in the mail or call Timberlock at 518-648-5495 for a weekend of fun and camaraderie at this beautiful spot in the Adirondacks. ✳ Mona and Bill are looking for classmates to help in organizing our 50th reunion in 2006. This is traditionally the big reunion and lots of fun, so save the dates and we will look forward to seeing each other there.
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Double congratulations to new grandparents **Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer**! Their granddaughters, Cricket Jean Lemon and Samantha Sterling Lemon, arrived on April 26, each weighing a hefty five pounds. The new parents are Steve and Sandy Palmer Lemon '92. All were reportedly doing very well. ✳ For six days in March, **Bo Wakefield** umpired at the 2005 New Zealand National Rowing Championships on Lake Ruataniwha at Twizel, South Island. Bo, a longtime resident of Australia, is an accredited FISA regatta official, who late last year also umpired the rowing at the Asia-Pacific Masters Games. ✳ In December 2004, the University Press of New England published a 240-page book by **Sabra Field**. Titled *In Sight*, the new book is illustrated with more than 100 previously unpublished prints and contains commentary by the artist on the sources of her inspiration. ✳ **Gretchen Heide Warner** still works part time as an education therapist, while husband Doug is a Chevron retiree. Son Keith teaches at Santa Clara Univ. Daughter Leslie and her Presbyterian pastor husband have two children. ✳ This spring, the

2005 Perkins Award for Excellence in Teaching at Midd was awarded once again. As you will recall, Prof. Llewellyn Perkins founded and chaired Midd's math department. His wife, Dr. Ruth Humphrey Perkins '32, established the award in his honor; their children, **Marion Perkins Harris** and David Perkins have augmented the fund and expanded the scope of the award to honor their mother as well. Their contributions continue to bear fruit at Midd and in the world of math and chemistry.
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There are many traveling '59ers. **Earle** and **Betty Layer Hoyt**, of Flagstaff, Ariz., make summer trips to view grizzly bears amid spectacular scenery at Brooks Lodge in Alaska's Katai National Park. They reach this remote site by conveyances including floatplane. Earle is an accomplished photographer. ✳ Thoroughbred racehorse breeders Jane and **Paul Schosberg** took their seventh East African safari in June, spending part of the time on horseback on a 45,000-acre ranch and rhino refuge. ✳ While vacationing in Japan in April, Pat and **Fred Swan** visited Kobe College for women, where two great-aunts of Fred taught from 1910 to 1952. ✳ **Bob** and Polly Philbrick '60 **Ray** spent three weeks in Australia and New Zealand with Overseas Adventure Travel. In May Bob took a safari trip to Botswana with son Bill. ✳ While visiting **Janet Martin Fenwick** in California, **Aliceanne Britain Griffin** and **Dorrie Landry Kehoe** explored Big Basin Redwoods State Park and went to the Getty Museum in L.A. ✳ "I became a licensed pilot in '03," writes **Bob Luce**, "and bought a small airplane in the fall of '04—lots of challenges! When you're over 40 you have to pass a flight physical every two years. I'll squeeze the fun out of it that I can for as long as I can and/or as long as the airplane and I stay in one piece. I'm also in a partnership that owns a 30-foot sailboat. We use it on Long Island Sound, in Maine, and elsewhere." ✳ David and **Cynthia Hall Marshall** are "in transition" between Rochester (N.Y.) and New London (N.H.) where they have bought a retirement home. This replaces the unwinterized vacation cottage that was too small for their expanded family. Cynthia was sorry to miss the last reunion, "due to a move-related mishap," but is looking forward to the 50th and any mini-reunions in the interim. ✳ **Ruth Wininger Reiterman** reports that among the pleasures of our 45th was seeing the nearby mountains. Except during her 30-plus years in Berkeley, Calif., "where other values—still salient—dominated," she and her family have lived in places with mountain views: Tucson, southern Utah, and now Reno. "For me," she writes, "being able to 'relate' to the natural beauty of mountains, thereby gaining strength, is a sine qua non." ✳ **Terry Twichell** enjoyed spending some time on the East Coast: "I had forgotten how beautiful fall foliage is!" ✳ **Sally Sprague Carr** reports her marriage to Doug Kepp on May 15, 2004, "the Saturday before I retired from teaching. I'm keeping my name for professional reasons. Many changes, including raising a new keeshond! It was wonderful seeing everyone at the 45th!" ✳ **Jim Bickel**, who has served as president or VP for five companies in high tech and metallurgical fields, has joined the board of TS&B Holding, global networks for travel systems. He's also VP and secretary of the World Health and Education Foundation and vice chairman of MedChannel LLC, a medical device company. ✳ **Barry Croland** is still actively practicing law. The *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* recently listed him as one of the top 100 lawyers in the state. ✳ Wisconsin resident **Barbara Hart Decker** continues to run the hands-on portion of the Texas Generation-2000, A Children's Fair, sponsored by Clear Channel each spring in Amarillo and Lubbock. Under Barb's guidance, children and adults create mosaics, paintings, puppets, sand sculptures, and large sculptures made of recycled manufacturing materials. Barbara planned to go to her high school 50th in Stratford, Conn., in September. "Had such a great time at the Midd one!" ✳ **Martha Gerhart** recalls having told her mentor in NYC, Seymour Bernstein, that perhaps she needed to add some social service to her life. He replied, "Martha, every time you touch the piano, accompanying or coaching singers, you're doing 'social service' in the interest of art!" ✳ **Dave Harpp** is "still going strong" as a chemistry professor at McGill, where he has been a leader in creating online science education for the general public. ✳ In Vermont, **Anne Martin Hartmann** heard a lecture by Judith Irven, wife of **Dick Conrad**. As previously mentioned, Dick and Judith own and run bed-and-breakfast Judith's Garden in Goshen, Vt. ✳ **Ailene Kane Rogers** was named Environmentalist of the Year for the town of Huntington, N.Y., for her work on water quality monitoring in Long Island Sound. Her concept of a "Water Logging" program educates seniors in local marine/environmental issues and teaches them to monitor water from docks and boats, through the Cornell Cooperative Extension program. During their 45th-reunion trip, Barbara Hart Decker accompanied Ailene on two of her weekly collections. ✳ **Sherwood Smith** and his sister run a used bookstore in Brattleboro, where he is also a trustee at the town library. ✳ Many classmates have been active in secondary-school 50th reunions. **Sue Work Knirsch** enjoyed calling people all over the country: "As others have said, at this stage of the game we are all past trying to impress anyone, so it makes for genuine, heartfelt conversations. It is so nice to be 'real.'" ✳ **Ellie "Pinky" Bliss** assisted with registration for her Newton, Mass., reunion in April. ✳ **Mil Fairhurst**'s Forest Hills High School 50th was "a whole June weekend, with a Friday night concert of '50s music in the auditorium and a Saturday buffet at the Mansion in Forest Park." On Sunday, Mil and Andy had lunch with other Class of '55 members of their Sunday school class. ✳ **Tony** and Jane Collins '60 **Garcia** and **Bob** and Polly Philbrick '60 **Ray** attended Tony and Bob's Loomis reunion in June 2004. Jane and Polly were also active in their Midd 45th. ✳ **Priscilla Ferguson Stauffer**'s 50th for Clifford Scott High in East Orange, N.J., was a three-day, early-spring event in Charleston, S.C., with tours of vicinity high points. Other high school 50ths participants included **Janet Martin Fenwick** in Dayton, Ohio; **Aliceanne Britain Griffin** in Schenectady, N.Y.; **Bill Hussey** in Suffern, N.Y.; **Lucy Paine Kezar** in Lexington, Mass.; **Bob Luce** in Wethersfield, Conn.; **Missy Bennett Marlow** in San Antonio, Texas; and **Granthia Lavery Preston** in Summit, N.J. ✳ We regret to report the death of **Bruce Barkman** on January 5. A memorial appeared in the spring issue. ✳ If your e-mail address has changed or if we lack it, please update us. We do e-mail reminders about class notes, as well as info about the forthcoming '59 Web site. Also let us know if you are not on-line and wish to receive snail mail reminders.
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Judy Neese Woods made recent trips to Normandy and Sicily to do research for her novels. Her first novel, *Motive's Mirror,* is available in paperback through Amazon.com. Part historical fiction and part 20th-century college campus, it deals with events surrounding William the Conqueror. Judy's novel in progress, *Sicilian Odyssey,* a sequel set in modern Sicily, deals with the Norman kings and the Mafia. ✳ **Kathryn Olds Falconer** is enjoying her seven grandchildren, all of whom live in Nebraska. She volunteers at American Red Cross, the Episcopal church, and a community theater. ✳ Retired real estate developer **Ted Buhl** reported recently from Richfield Springs, N.Y., where he is happily remarried to Deecy. Ted's passions are birding, trekking, and camping, plus he's trying to get back into kayaking. Recent trips have taken them to Newfoundland, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, South Africa, and Cuba. Ted's goal is to spend 60 days a year in a tent and more than 220 days on the road. ✳ After the class of '59 reunion (June 2005), Jane and **Ed Sommers** hosted an ATO get-together. Our classmates in attendance were **Tom Irwin**, **Ted Buhl**, and **Sam Hoyt**. ✳ News of our fabulous 50th will appear in the fall issue.
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Lee Kaufman spent the major part of the winter in Dillon, Colo., "skiing and getting more involved in master racing. Missed the trip to Sun Valley—maybe next trip. Have two kids and one grandchild in Park City, Utah, and one still in Denver. Enjoy seeing and skiing with them all." ✳ **Sandy Anderson Bolton** reports that daughter Leslie and family recently moved to Denver, while son Andy and family are still in Paris. In July 2004, Sandy visited her 50th state, Minnesota: "Enjoyed lunch with **Jane Werner Bonnesen** and her husband at their lovely lakeside home in Grand Rapids, Minn." ✳ Since her retirement from special ed teaching last year, **Karin Kosoc** has been busy as a volunteer at Castle Medical Center, where she works with groups in connection with No Child Left Behind at the Univ. of Hawaii College of Education and Special Education. She would love to hear from any '61s visiting Hawaii on vacation. ✳ **Don Ruben**, appointed to the Columbus Bar Association's Professional Ethics and Grievance Committee in 2003, is one of the lawyers representing the CBA in multiple allegations of ethics

violations against Derek Farmer, the only convicted murderer in Ohio history permitted to join the Bar. Don also reports that **Lee Leonard**, "long considered the 'dean' of Ohio Statehouse reporters, retired from the *Columbia Dispatch* on April 1. For many years Lee delivered the best Statehouse reporting in Ohio. He began his journalism career 42 years ago, and began covering the Statehouse for UPI in 1969."

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Secretary Dalsimer reports: I'm semi-retired and living in Southampton. I come into NYC weekly and stay in a small walk-up on East 84th Street. Do miss Brooklyn, but must say love living here. Busy with occasional legal work, some civic involvement, and some activities with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork. Tomorrow painting our new meeting house then a peace march with the Vets Against the War and the planting of 1,600 crosses, Stars of David, and Islamic moons and crescents. Was in Gaucin, Spain, for two weeks this past fall visiting **Jim Warburton**, who is teaching both English and Spanish to supplement his retirement income and the falling dollar. ✷ **Mike Black** sent an update: "I've just retired, we have our first grandchild, Nancy is on sabbatical and being a grandmother, and we're both very involved with the Quakers. In our area of Brooklyn, I see houses advertised for 1 mil. We're off to Taos in a few weeks, then France this summer (Nancy's doing a paper in Angers), and in the fall in Austria. I go along for the companionship, and to watch as our dollar slides down the well-greased slope of Bushie nonsense." ✷ **Ben Rosin** is "not retiring, but downsizing. Katie Rosin Green '97 has presented us with Tyler J. Green, a potential member of the Class of '25." ✷ Paintings in oil by Vermont artist **Isabeth Bakke Hardy** were recently featured at the Helen Day Art Center in Stowe. The exhibit, Life and Its Challenges, featured 20 paintings. ✷ **Anne Bossi Kiefer** put her Midd degree in lighting design and directing to good use, working as the lighting designer for *Write Me a Murder* which opened in March at the Chatham Drama Guild. She's also the resident designer for the Cape Cod Opera. For a time she managed the Academy of Performing Arts in Orleans and worked with Cape Cod Community College. She also spent time with the Cape Rep Theatre and set up a lighting system in their new building, and worked with the Harwich Junior Theatre. "Now I'm retired so I can do this," she reports. ✷ A couple of back-to-back hurricanes disrupted the lives of Mike '59 and **Lynde Sudduth Karin** in Vero Beach last September. "Our little cottage in the Old Riomar area is still intact, but the real estate office on the ocean took a direct hit." They frequently visit their condo in Newburyport, Mass., to catch up with family activities. Son Mike Jr. and wife MaryEllen are teaching and coaching at Governor Dummer Academy. Daughter Jennifer Karin Sidford '85 and husband Chris live in Newburyport. (For more news of Jennifer, see the 1985 column.)

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After 37 years in the power generation business, 25 years with General Electric, **Charles Honsberger** has retired from GE: "We will move to Palm Springs, Calif., for winters and summers on Lake Seneca in upstate New York. Looking forward to retirement. Thoroughly enjoy being Grandpa to five grandchildren." ✷ A retired ophthalmologist since 1999, **Alan Manas** reports two new careers: "Winter bird hunting guide in Arizona; summer fly-fishing guide at our River Ranch in Montana." ✷ Out in Ohio, Lynn Baird Shaw '66 and **Wendy Millar Busch** enjoy curling at Mayfield Curling Club. Wendy writes: "We're hoping Middlebury will start curling, as it's a great lifelong sport." ✷ Up in Maine, John '61 and **Koko Hart Harris** both have private pilot licenses. In May 2004 they had a fantastic trip flying around the Outback of Australia. According to a fun article about them in the *Coastal Journal*—including a photo of them with their 1935 restored Ford—they are enjoying their family, which now includes four grandchildren, boating, and flying. ✷ Kudos to **Charles MacCormack** for the great work done by Save the Children (STC) in the wake of the tsunami. Prior to the tsunami, he had been in northern Africa, where STC distributes food aid in western Sudan to 300,000 people in 44 camps. Since ethnic clashes between the Sudanese government and rebel forces have displaced hundreds of thousands of children and their families, STC has established 14 health clinics, launched a measles vaccination campaign, and supplied drinking water to displaced families. He hopes the international community will strengthen security in that area by increasing the African Union peacekeeping force.

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Secretary Baade reports: My husband and I drove to South Freeport, Maine, after the reunion to visit **Peter Ballou** and his family. It was wonderful. Old friends are the best! They took us for a boat ride and—WOW—we got to visit L.L.Bean. It was the first time since someone drove a bunch of us there in the middle of the night some 40-plus years ago. One of those traditional Middlebury boredom breakers, like driving to Montreal for coffee. ✷ **Pam Nottage Mueller** is our class representative to the Gamaliel Painter Cane Society. In March she sent a letter to all of us to ask us to consider joining by making a provision under our will, an IRA, an annuity, or 401k. Please give it some thought, if you have not already joined. ✷ **Virginia Swain** writes that her "book on Baudelaire and Rousseau was finally published last fall by Johns Hopkins University Press. After many years of researching it, I'm relieved to have it out. I celebrated by spending my sabbatical in Paris."

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Earl Ball writes: "I'm completing my 29th year as the head of William Penn Charter School, a Quaker school which traces its history to 1689. Working with kids is a great way to develop faith in the future. A great job—except graduation conflicts with Midd reunion dates." ✷ **Ted** and **Nancy Adams Morse** live in St. Thomas, V.I., where Ted is headmaster of Antilles School. Nancy is busy with computer programming and volunteering for community foundations and Antilles School. ✷ **Betsy Walter-Echols** reports that she and her husband still live in Bangkok: "I am back at Assumption Univ., this time teaching in an M.A. program for English language and literature/teaching. If anybody comes this way, please look us up! The tsunami damage to the beaches is fast being repaired!" ✷ Living in Spofford, N.H., **Marsha Fletcher Dixon** is an employee benefit consultant and broker servicing northern New England. Her daughter is a partner with her in her employee benefit business. Her son is an ob-gyn. Marsha has six grandchildren. ✷ **Svea Carlson Nardo**, who is enjoying retirement in Florida and Massachusetts, writes: "Remarried ex-husband. Call it 'triumph of hope over experience.'" ✷ **Susan Emrich Bobilin** (German School '66) is still studying European history and German and French. ✷ **Michael McCann**, a business consultant for the past 15 years, was recently profiled in the Rutland, Vt., *Valley Business Journal*. ✷ **Casey Hoffman** reports that he has "returned to the public sector as the deputy attorney general for the state of Texas, managing some 3,000 dedicated people who are committed to making a difference for families. The company I founded, Supportkids, continues its important work for families." ✷ **Bonnie Garr** writes of "a wonderful change": "I'm now retired from the Chicago Public Schools and live in Santa Fe, N.M. My 'companion' in the wide-open spaces here is Hazel, a retired Seeing Eye dog. **Carol Dickerman** visited recently; **Barbara Clive Fagan** and I are in regular contact." ✷ **Tim Griggs** is selling real estate in Steamboat Springs: "Steamboat is similar to Aspen of the '60s or '70s, although it is more community-oriented." ✷ After taking early retirement from Saudi Aramco in May 2002, **Bob Hintermaier** and wife Mary returned from Saudi Arabia to live in San Antonio, where they have enjoyed visiting family, welcoming three grandchildren into the world, and doing lots of volunteer work. Bob writes: "We tutor in one of the middle schools two mornings a week and have been working with a Liberian refugee family since late 2003. I sing bass in San Antonio Gold, a barbershop quartet that entertains around San Antonio. I am also in the Chordsmen Chorus. It's a long way to Vermont from Texas, so I won't see y'all at our 40th. I wish everyone the best."

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Roy Slaunwhite and wife Monica have lived for 30 years in Saranac Lake, in the northern Adirondacks, where Roy has been practicing pediatrics and allergy treatment. He has enjoyed his work, but he's looking forward to doing other things in the next few years when he retires. Seeing Middlebury friends on occasional trips to Boston reminds Roy of how much we have in common after all these years. He extends "a standing invitation for anybody to drop by if they are in the area." ✷ For almost 30 years, Dave and **Suzanne Snyder Terry** have been living in Cohasset, Mass., in their Victorian house on the harbor. They both work in Boston: Dave at the Department of Environmental Protection and Sue as the children's librarian at the Boston Athenaeum. She goes to work on the commuter boat and loves her job. She's active in the

Beatrix Potter Society and travels to the UK several times a year. Daughter Megan lives nearby with husband Tucker and first grandchild Sophia Louise. Son Jed is in San Diego with the BORSTAR unit of the Border Patrol; son Nick is working in Philadelphia. ✷ **Stephen Heidel** attended the Alumni Ski Week in Sun Valley in March 2005: "It was fun to ski and talk with so many alums." ✷ **Rick Fall** writes: "I'm acting, on a select basis, as a buyer/broker in Naples, Fla., and Diane and I spend our summers in beautiful Cashiers, N.C." ✷ Writing from his West Coast home, **Dave Thompson** makes his debut in our class notes this summer. He sees **Hunter Stone** regularly but hasn't been back to Middlebury since 1976. Thinking back on his Middlebury experience, Dave believes that we were there during an important transition. "While I think it was a top-notch school when we were there, decades of enlightened leaders have improved on the entire experience." He often recommends Middlebury to California high school juniors and seniors who have little concept of the benefits of a small town East Coast liberal arts school. He's thinking seriously of trekking East for our 40th. Dave keeps busy in the commercial jet aircraft leasing business with a company that operates all over the world. With this "growing and stimulating business," he has traveled to places like Kazakhstan, South Africa, and Mongolia, and he has been able to "learn about some drivers of geopolitical events first hand." His daughter (18) spent last spring in Italy as part of a gap year program between high school and college. She had spent the fall in Costa Rica learning Spanish—"total immersion is best," Dave reports. His boy-girl twins (11) are in the sixth grade, "a tranquil time in life." With his wife's professional marketing consulting business doing well and expanding, the Thompsons find that "spare time" is precious. "Virtually all of what we do revolves around family activities—hoping to get two skiers out of three children!" ✷ On the topic of the Middlebury experience of the '60s, **Don Simon** kindly praises the intellectual powers of his female classmates but believes that men may have caught up since! He remembers Middlebury as quite conservative, even in the '60s, but trusts it's less so today. He looks (far!) forward to attending our 50th reunion. As a graphic design graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, Don became a partner in an advertising/design/marketing firm and then its president. The firm is now in its 32nd year, working mainly with nonprofits and scores of family-owned businesses. Married for 30 years, Don and his wife have a daughter (25). For the past 13 years, they've run their own art school—East Side Art Center—in Providence. Students from all over southeastern New England attend 10-week semesters in the fine arts. Don teaches mainly children, but he also teaches two drawing classes for adults: "Teaching is a great way to keep learning. As with college teaching, with its relaxed pace, sometimes idyllic settings, and the time to continue to learn, I feel fortunate to love what I'm doing, as a designer and as a teacher. While others in our class may be considering retirement—and some probably already have retired—it's not for me. I am constantly being rejuvenated by questions asked and answers sought. Those of us who were in the arts at Middlebury are probably still enjoying our discoveries and experiences."

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Dwight and Judy Enright '66 **Dunning** spent the winter of '05, after Dwight's retirement as the director of the Snow Bowl Ski School, in Colorado, giving some ski lessons and visiting son Tim in Boulder. In June they were scheduled for departure to Belize, where they will be in residence for two years as Peace Corp volunteers. I suspect a few classmates may turn up on their doorstep with snorkel and goggles in hand. Upon his retirement after 30 years of service at the Snow Bowl, Dwight received a regional recognition award from region 2 of Professional Ski Instructors of America/American Association of Snowboard Instructors. ✷ What are college roommates good for at this point? To take trips with! Just think: no surprises in the hygiene or sleeping departments, conversation never lags since our memories for what happened 40 years ago are much sharper than what happened 40 minutes ago, which means the trips are full of adventure games like "find the keys." I (Susie) speak from personal experience, having enjoyed a fabulous Taos ski lesson week and Sante Fe adventure with freshman roomie **Sue Schweickert Macy**, and two weeks later, heading to Delray Beach with sophomore roommate **Livvy Barbour Tarleton** to stay with junior roommate **Margot Childs Cheel** for a spring beach break 40 years late. Fair warning to all my other Midd roommates, summer and postgraduate, as well. ✷ **Laila Fangal Kain**, a freelance arts writer, got to go to what she called "The Super Bowl of Art" and a chance to interview Christo and Jeanne-Claude at the opening of their Gates exhibit in Central Park. Titling her article "The Art of Tenacity," Laila was referring to the over 20 years the artists worked to get their project approved by NYC, completely funded by their own artwork, and created and installed. It applies just as much to Laila's tenacity in following up a relationship she established with Jeanne-Claude and Christo when she first interviewed them in 1981. Her good manners and persistence paid off with an invitation to the press conference at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, even though the public relations firm handling the event originally denied her. The result is a beautifully written piece, detailing Laila's connection to the artists and her "ecstatic" response to seeing the unveiling of the first saffron curtains in the park. As Laila wrote: "By being present at the refection of "The Gates" so many years ago, being among the 1,000 reporters the day before, watching the first gate unfold that morning, energized by refusal and encouragement, by the beauty of saffron cloth and azure sky, writing these words knowing none of this will last—I too had become part of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's art."

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Secretary Stoebenau reports: Mart '66 and **Carol Anderson Matthews** still enjoy their semi-retired life in Vail. Carol is putting her CFP designation back to work as a financial consultant for AXA Advisors in Denver and Vail, "working with a reasonable number of clients in both places. Daughter Kristi '94 was leaving her nursing position in Vail for Rose Medical Center in Denver this spring. Son Neil '96 still owns Neil & Otto's Pizza in Middlebury, while trying to make it to rock star status with all-Midd band The Grift, playing lots of East Coast venues. The problem for all of us old folks is that most of their gigs start while we're lying in bed watching Jay or David." In late March Carol wrote that **Nordis Glasoe** and **Jean Dithmar Myer** had just spent four days with her, shopping, snowshoeing, and skiing in Vail—and, of course, doing a fair amount of reminiscing about the days at Midd and the years since! ✷ **Barbara Barrett Bloom** writes: "Adult children are fabulous!" In Bolson, Argentina, she was visiting her daughter, who "is working on permaculture, sustainable development, renewable energy, and save the earth—all themes that were interests of mine in the '60s and the '70s." ✷ For five years, **Gale McFedries** has been a teacher certification officer for Marygrove, a small, private Catholic college in Detroit. The daughter that she adopted from Chile (Lindsay) is now 23. "I am particularly lucky to have both my parents living in San Diego where I can visit. In addition, it is really good to be in touch with many of my Middlebury classmates. We try to get together in Maine in June, thanks to a wonderful invitation from **Betsy McElvein**." ✷ **Julie Gratiot Peterson** noted in March: "I like my job in the editorial department at Cricket Magazine Group, and much of the rest of my time is divided between the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra and church. The community orchestra was founded in 1950 and will perform Mahler's First Symphony in May. I play violin and will need to spend a lot of time practicing between now and then. Husband Dave has begun leading drum circles in our area this year, and son Paul is an electrical engineer in Peoria, Ill." ✷ **Mari Ward McCarty** is senior VP of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, a consortium of the 20 private nonprofit colleges in the state: "I just completed 10 years here and I'm still energized. I enjoy meeting with various groups from the colleges and also representing private higher education on several state and national committees. The old adage is true: a good liberal arts education prepares you for anything!" ✷ **Sue Hastings Chandler** is assistant principal at Stevens High School in Claremont, N.H.: "I never quite envisioned myself becoming a 'discipline queen,' but that is certainly one of my many responsibilities. Never a dull day! The legal profession seems to be the profession of choice for most of the rest of the family. Wells practices in Claremont, son Rob is practicing in NYC, and daughter Alyssa is in her second year of law school. Daughter Devan, who is spending a year working in Colorado after graduating from college, vows that law is not in her future in any form! We seem to be watching our friends retire around us. Doesn't appear to be an option for us anytime too soon, but we certainly dream of different responsibilities! I see **Nancy Cahill Mercer** often; see **Susan Blume White** once a year, which is not often enough; touch base with Dan '69 and Elinor Livingston Redmond '69 whenever they travel to New Hampshire. Saw **Shari Galligan Johnson** at a conference the other day and plan to connect with **Xavieria Eichholtz Atkins** at a conference next week. The Midd connection is alive and well. The memories are still sharp and fond." ✷ Secretary Gregg reports: Susan and I are happy to report that daughter Sara '97 has a position at Iowa State Univ., teaching courses in environmental history, agricultural history, and history of the U.S. West. When friends inquire as to why she went all the way out there to teach, we reply that there was one such position available during the spring of 2004 in the entire U.S., and we are delighted she received such as offer. ✷ **Frank Adshead** sold his part of a dental practice a few years back, and has retired from active dentistry. He

and wife Gail now live for much of the year on their sailing cruising boat. In summer 2004, they crossed the Atlantic, from Florida to Bermuda to the Azores to Galician Spain. They explored Spain and Portugal, both by land and by sea, before continuing to France and Great Britain. They then returned to Maine to open six months worth of mail and reconnect phones. With all this traveling, maybe we can talk Frank and Gail into returning to Middlebury for one of our reunions? ✷ Perhaps **Sam Levin** (who also missed our last reunion) and wife Patty could bring a show-and-tell of grandchildren photos. They seem to be developing quite a coterie of grandchildren.

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Secretary Reynolds reports: Debbie, who now goes by **Deborah Burgstaller Hunt**, is settled in a fine house with a view from Danville, Vt., to the White Mountains. Her husband Jim telecommutes with Intel. Debbie is at home training her horses. A couple nights after I (Peter) stayed with her, I spent the night at **Bob Cowan**'s. Retired a year now from 30 years of teaching English at Concord (N.H.) High School, Bob is back to teaching English to middle schoolers part time and directing the school plays. Bob reports that **Ned Bergman** has also retired from his tenure teaching geography at Concord High. Bob joined me in a visit to Hinesburg, to listen to Geoff Muldaur. Although he didn't know it was at Middlebury Spring Weekend, Geoff remembered the night Maria Muldaur shaved Jim Kweskin's mustache at the Jug Band's performance as "a strange scene." Most of us had thought so, too. Bob and I also shared some Bristol-brewed beers with **Dick Crumb** the night before. Dick, who lives in Middlebury with Ann (Einsiedler '70), works with a bicycle industry magazine. The last of their three kids to attend Middlebury is almost through. ✷ In Brandon, Vt., **Jamie Johnson Fitzgerald** and husband Stephen are "renovating an 1810 Federal that **Dick English** helped us purchase." They hoped to finish by the end of summer. ✷ In April, **Kurt Heinzelman** made his first return to campus since his years at Bread Loaf in the early '70s. He gave a reading from his recently published book of poetry, *Black Butterflies,* and delivered the 2005 Ron Rucker Lecture: "Rubbish and Aura: Archival Economics and the Assessment of Cultural Value." Kurt is an English prof. at the Univ. of Texas, Austin, and executive curator for academic programs at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. ✷ Secretary Onion reports: **Wendy Cole** reminded me in a recent note of exciting news in her life: "In December 2003, I sold my big Dallas house, my fancy Dallas luxury sedan, bought a little mountain home, a 4WD SUV, and moved my kid and my cats to Park City, Utah." She now flies out of Los Angeles to Maui, and despite the commute to LAX, loves her new life, including flying, which she hopes to do for about five years more. **Elinor Livingston Redmond**, **Julia Lord Soule**, **Jackie Ogden English**, and **Lynn Markham Beebe** all gathered in Utah in fall 2004 to sample Wendy's new situation in Park City. Wendy's daughter was graduating from Colgate Univ. this May. ✷ While teaching Spanish at the high school in East Hampton, N.Y., **Lee Lawler** reports that she is "still recording and singing rhythm and blues with husband Jimmy on drums and youngest daughter A. Rose on vocals, with the group Mamalee and Friends." ✷ I cannot believe it'll be over a year since reunion by the time you read this. I had such good intentions of making a full report, having had a terrific chance to reconnect with many there, including **Alison Vida** (there all the way to Middlebury from British Columbia) and **Deborah Burgstaller Hunt** (who, at that time, was moving to Vermont). A year whirls right along these days, especially in my continuing job as high school counselor in New Hampshire. Our house building adventure continues, closing in on a finished first floor! Our three children are far flung, currently in Monte Rio (Calif.), Brooklyn, and Homer, Alaska. No grandchildren yet, but we did recently rescue a two-year-old golden retriever who's adding outdoor adventure to my life. Some of my new favorite reading is the poetry of Rumi and Jhumpa Lahiri's *The Namesake.* Please send us your news, or share what you're reading!

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In Tucson, Ariz., **Charles Giddings** was recently honored by the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP), who named him the Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney for the month of January. Charlie, who joined the VLP in 1981, was selected to receive the award because of his recent work on behalf of clients in two real property matters, and also for his longstanding dedication to making legal services available to persons who otherwise could not afford them. Charlie is a partner in the Tucson office of Snell & Wilmer. ✷ "Having finished a year with nothing to do but co-write a text (Education for the Information Age)," writes **Elizabeth House Sky-McIlvain**, "I followed retiring husband John to Maine, where I have joined the ranks of overworked public school teachers in Freeport. Middlebury prepared me well to teach literacy." ✷ Due to preparations for daughter Hilary's June 11 wedding, **Sydney Landon Plum** was unable to attend reunion: "I regret I will miss the dedication of the Center for Spiritual Life, because Chaplain Scott was a friend. I think **Sue Ellen Thompson** will be at the reunion and she has seen me recently, so she can add something. Like how many chins I have! This year I have been serving as interim director of creative writing at the Univ. of Connecticut: An honor, a fun position, and a great deal of work. In the fall, I'll go back to teaching creative writing (poetry and nonfiction) and literature classes. This fall I'm teaching a course on banned books and in the spring, poetry of the natural world (including Frost, of course). I continue to try to make what I learned in the '60s matter now—both what I learned in class at Midd (especially in Pack's poetry) and what I learned from extracurricular activities like rabble-rousing and listening to Bob Reiff and Nick Clifford talk about that horrible war." ✷ Our 35th reunion will be history by the time you read this. Hope you were there and had a great time.

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Jim Keyes recently became the new Vermont president of Charter One, a Vermont bank that is becoming part of Citizens Bank. Jim has spent a lot of time in Vermont since 1971, including 11 years with First Vermont Bank in Brattleboro. Now headquartered in Burlington, he's looking forward to staying in Vermont. ✷ **Ted Rice** is office manager and treasurer of the Rice Fruit Company, where he works alongside his three brothers in the family business. The Rices trace their fruit growing roots in Pennsylvania's Adams County back seven generations. ✷ **Stan Spraitzar** sent a wonderful report, from which we are happy to pass along excerpts: "In March 2002, I was recalled to active duty on the Army Staff at the Pentagon to formulate strategy and policy for the Global War on Terrorism. I am probably the oldest and most senior colonel at the writing of this story still on active duty in the Armed Forces. The experience of preparing for war, sustaining our troops during war, and supporting them after major combat operations has been both extraordinary and exhausting. Social life basically came to a complete halt. When my 'superiors' gave me a 'strategic rest' in early 2004 from two years of continuous labor for the Global War on Terrorism, I began to pursue much-needed reentry into social life. Both my fiancée and I had experienced separation and divorce in 2000, but we found new love through the 21st century, information-age method of www.eharmony.com. My fiancée, Dr. Susan Wray, director of industry relations for the Univ. of Washington School of Medicine, and I met for the first time in April 2004 after a month of "cyber" rattling on the Internet. My adventure really began when I made flight arrangements to meet her in Seattle. We had had only a single telephone conversation before meeting; I had not seen her photo until after my plane reservations were made; and my Susan from Seattle had this reverberating question, 'Is this wise?' My response, 'Absolutely!' I took that flight on April 30, 2004, to see 'Susan from Seattle' and it culminated in love at first sight for both of us. We then dated in 'dog years' across the continent—that is, we came to know each other so well that our relationship grew at about seven times the normal rate. Every morning would find my giving Susan a wake-up call at her home or wherever she was traveling, and my new love adventure has been wonderfully spent crossing the fruited plains by air to see my 'Susan from Seattle,' to go where she was going, or to meet her where I was going. As we often said to each other, 'this is a God-thing' to bring us together." Stan and Susan are virtually inseparable, despite the long distance of their relationship, and his four children are "very much part of our lives." Daughter Sarah attends Jefferson Medical College; Rebekah, who teaches French in Virginia, is going on a Fulbright Exchange this year; son Michael attends college in Charlotte for a nursing program; and daughter Rachel attends community college in Harrisburg, Pa. Thank you, Stan, for sharing your good news.

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Congratulations to **Mike Goldberger** on becoming Brown University's athletic director as of July 1, 2005! This appointment brings Mike back to his point of entry at Brown. He started his career at the school in 1973, as an assistant coach for football and baseball. (He had been recruited to the staff by John Anderson, the university's football coach, under whom Goldberger had played three seasons when Anderson was a coach at Middlebury.) After 10 years in athletics, Goldberger moved to Brown's

admissions office, where he served for the next 22 years, the last 10 as director. As athletic director, Mike will be in charge of a 120-member athletic staff, supporting a varsity sports program that includes 37 intercollegiate teams and more than 900 varsity athletes. ✷ **Chris Downs** writes: "Caught up with Maureen and **George Seivwright** and **Mason Browne** for a trip to Tuckerman's (Mt. Washington, N.H.) this spring. Great day, great skiing. Looking forward to getting many more members of the class of 1972 up there next year!"

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Pam Taft-Dick reported in from their current posting in Sri Lanka: "You may or may not know that I've been married to a guy with the World Food Programme for many years and we've been bouncing around this globe since 1978. Fortunately, German teaching is very transferable! Over the holidays, we had the pleasure of hosting our son (Jonathan '05), our daughter (Joya '06), and her boyfriend (Midd '06). We were packed and ready to head down the coast for a surfing holiday, when my husband called from the office (where he was tying up loose ends before leaving for a much-needed break) with the tragic news of the tsunami. It started as just news of some flooding, but the enormity of it quickly became clear. When I realized how bad it was, and that our families knew we were planning on holidaying on the southern coast, I quickly e-mailed them that, luckily for us, we hadn't left Colombo yet. I was fortunate to get right through to them because the e-mail and phone lines soon became saturated, as you can imagine. We hardly saw my husband during those first weeks with all he had to deal with. As the sad stories inevitably came to us, we just constantly felt SO fortunate and blessed to have our family intact. We're all doing our bits to help out where we can, as well as live our own lives. We also have a 16-year-old son here at the international school to keep an eye on!" ✷ After being together for 13 years, **Betsy Montandon** and Keith Davison were married on July 21, 2004, in a small civil ceremony in Blue Hill, Maine. Betsy continues to work, as she has for more than 20 years, as a freelance ASL/English interpreter in the Boston area. ✷ *Difficult Subjects*, by **Deborah S. Greenhut**, was a finalist at the New York Strawberry One-Act Festival and will be published in *The Best Plays from the Strawberry One-Act Festival, Volume 2,* this summer.

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When **Andy Jackson** went to Jackson Hole, Wyo., for a week of skiing in March, he ran into several Midd friends, including **Joan Lapham Lawrence**, **Tom Montgomery**, and Larry Detrick '72. Joan is a personal trainer, Tom runs tours of various exotic fly-fishing locations around the world, and Larry's primary responsibility on the ski patrol now is avalanche control. Andy comments: "It seems that Jackson Hole is wearing well on all three of these folks. If you go out, stop at the Rendezvous Bistro owned by Midd soccer star Marc Hirschfield '88; the tuna tartar is killer." ✷ Another skiing reunion took place at the Middlebury Alumni Ski event at Sugarbush, where **Chris Fraioli** (who attended with her mother, Natelle Benson Fraioli '48, captain of the 1948 Middlebury Women's Ski Team) met up with **Greg Dennis**, Dave Furney '72, and Jason Oleet '00. Chris and husband John Nelson are enjoying life in Lincoln, Vt., and she still loves her part-time job at the College's Art Museum. In 2003, after many years of innkeeping, Chris and John decided to sell the Swift House Inn in Middlebury. They're now selling real estate for Lang Associates Realtors in Middlebury, specializing in the purchase and sale of both residential and lodging properties. "Anyone interested in a mid-life career change or a sweet retirement in Vermont should look for our ad in the classified section of *Middlebury Magazine*!" ✷ **Randy** and Kathy Cooper '77 **Lake** were about to celebrate their 28th anniversary, "just after we host a reception for Houston, Texas, area high school seniors accepted into the Middlebury class of 2009. Kathy and I have been volunteers for the Alumni Association's admission committee for 25 years in the Houston community and recently assumed the co-chair roles. We are also proud parents of a Midd kid; son Ethan is in the class of '08. Kathy is continually bemused by the fact he resides in her old freshman dorm, Battell." On one of their trips to Middlebury to see Ethan, they drove from Houston to Vermont (4,400 miles RT) with the intention of largely steering away from the Interstate system to see "the beauty of this country that still can be enjoyed on back roads and in small towns." Randy retired from corporate banking when Kathy's responsibilities as a law partner with Vinson & Elkins expanded. They split their leisure time between trips to the family ranch in south Texas and a second home in Telluride, Colo. They're also planning trips to Chile and Norway next year to visit two AFS exchange students that they hosted in the past. ✷ **Sandy Volkmann**, who designs and builds custom furniture in Missoula, Mont., was part of a recent Middlebury gathering in Missoula, along with Glenn Govertsen '66, Mike Mazzotta '03, Robyn Cook '02, Lance Collister '73, Kate Shick '00, Amy Coseo '98, Lucia Solorzano Work '75, Eamon Fahey '95, and Gunnar Carnwath '00. Sandy's son, Chris, is an avid ice hockey player and made the All Montana Select Team. Daughter Abby plays club soccer. Sandy is in his 10th year of refereeing youth and high school soccer. He e-mails: "I'm still windsurfing and have recently taken up kite-sailing and snow-kiting. The lack of snow this winter put a damper on skiing, and hopefully we won't burn up in forest fires this summer." Tragically, two days after sending this e-mail, Sandy had a bad accident while kite-skiing, fracturing the C-1 vertebra in his neck. Amazingly, he was not paralyzed but was confined to a halo-brace for about 12 weeks, meaning that until a July 1 doctor's appointment he couldn't drive, work, or lift more than five pounds. According to wife Kathy, "He can't take the halo vest off, so he won't have a shower for 12 weeks. Sponge baths are the routine around here. All of you know how active Sandy is, so this will definitely be hard for him." Needless to say—at least according to Kathy—Sandy's career as a kite-skier is now "defunct." Best wishes for a steady recovery, Sandy!

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Catherine Josset sends greetings: "I continue to teach in New Rochelle, N.Y., and love both working with kids and the freedom that summer vacations provide. Last summer I finally made it to La Rochelle, city of my maternal ancestors. It's a wonderful city. Currently I'm into early jazz. My husband and I are returning to New Orleans in April for our second visit, only this time we're bringing along friends, including **Bruce Walton**. I failed to persuade **Dan Innes**, who's alive and well in Norton, Mass., and father to four terrific kids. He too teaches. With my parents in Middlebury, I'm up often and hope to see (to have seen) many of you at our 30th. As the only Josset in New York state, I'm easy to find. I'd love to hear from you. We live in Brewster." ✷ Still teaching writing at Harvard, **Susan Carlisle** reports that she "got married in June 2004 to my longtime partner, and have two daughters aged 10 and 15!" ✷ Now retired from AT&T, **Nan Rochelle McNicholas** loves selling real estate at Coldwell Banker. "Reluctantly facing an empty nest next year, as Patrick is heading off to college. Looking for a used mutt—dog or guy!" ✷ **Marty Henslee** is excited about joining Cox Hospitals in Springfield, Mo.: "I will be helping to expand the massage therapy department there. I celebrate this opportunity to share the benefits of massage therapy with patients, their families, and staff." Marty would love to hear from other hospital-connected massage therapists at gr8ful@atlascomm.net. ✷ **Cynthia Crane Fisher** and her husband are the proud parents of a teenage middle schooler, James: "Life outside of work revolves around sports and band schedules. High school and college are not far off. Gulp!" ✷ **Marc Simpson** enjoys the best of professional worlds: "I was recently appointed curator of American art at the Clark Art Institute, so I once more have a collection to care for, in addition to the Williams College graduate students. Wife Fronia continues an active free-lance editing life—now for many of art history's most prestigious journals." ✷ In Montreal, **Julia Berger Reitman** is very busy with community work and fund-raising for various nonprofits. Oldest daughter Lisa was graduating from Tufts Univ. and has been accepted at McGill Law School. Twins Gillian and Emma are off to college this fall. ✷ A new album *3D,* was recently released by **Doug Dorman**. This latest collaboration is "a blend of folk, blue grass and old-time music with a strong Celtic influence," he reports. "It's like nothing you've ever heard." The Web site is www.backcountryband.com. ✷ **Paul McDonough** has been living in Atlanta for the past three years, after 16 years in Minnesota. He sent reunion regrets: "I will be in India and unable to attend. Ironically, the same thing happened five years ago. This time I will be en route with colleagues to the tiger reserve in Ranthambore after a week of business visits in Mumbai, Bangalore, and Hyderabad." ✷ Although **Leslie Lange** had a great time at our 25th, he was unable to make the 30th, because he was coaching both kids' AAU basketball teams with tournaments every weekend until July 12. He writes: "Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, happy 30th." ✷ Reunion will be long over by the time you read this column, but we second his wishes.

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Secretary Shapiro reports: Here's to those who responded to my e-mail requests for updates! It's super to hear from you. ✷ **Steffi Valar** is a senior development officer with Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. She also serves on the board of the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra and is a member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. Last winter, Steffi and husband Ed Hauck skied in Vail, Davos, Switzerland, and Madonna di Campiglio, Italy. ✷ A spring note from **Craig Ward**: "Great to see and ski with a lot of classmates in Aspen. Latest was **Eric Silverman**." ✷ **Steve** and Ky Prescott '77 **Bouchard** love living in the Denver area, where Steve was recently named senior VP for Comcast, Western Division. He's in charge of marketing and sales for cable television and high-speed Internet. He was looking forward to seeing **Will Graham** and other alums this summer at the Vail Lacrosse Shootout. ✷ After teaching math and history to sixth graders for six years, **Amy Panitz** graduates to the fifth grade at the Maple School in Manchester, Vt., where she will teach Greek and Roman history, "which I love," she writes. As the new director for the school's Winged Arts summer program, Amy wooed her sister, Susan Panitz Fillion '74, to teach a painting class there. Amy and **John Hearst**'s daughter, Jory, is a sophomore at the Univ. of Mich., where she's majoring in comparative literature, as well as studying Arabic, French, and labor law. Son Jake just graduated from high school and "skied on the winning Vermont Nordic team in Easterns at Bolton Valley." Daughter Mara is a seventh grader at the Maple Street School. ✷ **Tina Greenberg Ritari** (mintina54@hotmail.com) e-mails: "I moved to Ashland, Mass., almost seven years ago from Minnesota after my divorce. My twin daughters started college last fall (not Middlebury). I still have a daughter (11) at home. I'm a marketing executive in the insurance/finance world and have also been active in local politics. I've been back to Vermont several times, having a sister who is a professor at UVM. Would love to hear from '76ers." ✷ Roger '75 and **Lucy Call King** report that their daughter was a freshman at Colby this year, so they have been enjoying being back up in the Northeast. Son Joseph has completed his sophomore year at Highland Park High in Texas. ✷ Rich '86 and **Emily Cushman Belanger** live in Lexington, Mass., where Emily recently "started a business, Performance Core, Inc., providing on-site fitness services to corporations. I got certified as a Pilates instructor two years ago." Emily and Rich have built a house at Sunday River in Maine, "where you can catch us skiing the glades most weekends with kids Elizabeth (12) and Alex (9)." Emily adds: "Rich got his pilot's license and I'm taking flying lessons as well. I compete in the occasional triathlon and swim in Walden Pond whenever I can." ✷ **Jami Moneymaker Stephens** reports from Kennett Square, Pa., that she teaches social studies and English at Wilmington Christian School in Hockessin, Del. "I also coach our Mock Trial team, which just won the state championship for the fourth time in six years. We will be representing Delaware in May in Charlotte, N.C." Husband Tony Stephens is the pastor of Kennett Community Church, a Presbyterian Church in America congregation, which he started two years ago. They have two daughters. "One is an R.N. at Wilmington Hospital. She graduated from Messiah College and received the faculty award for excellence in nursing." Their other daughter is a math education major at Virginia Tech." ✷ Finally, congratulations to **Jim Sterngold**, whose marriage to *New York Times* correspondent Mireya Navarro was reported this spring in the *Times*. Jim is the Los Angeles bureau chief for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

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Mike Blount went into Iraq at the end of October 2004 with the Army Reserves. A drill sergeant, he was mobilized to train the new Iraqi Army. His Iraqi unit has been working with U.S. Marines. He has been at Camp Fallujah since December 1, 2004. Our thanks to his wife, MaryAnne, for keeping us updated. ✷ **Bob Harris** writes: "You *can* teach an old dog new tricks! Going back to grad school in the fall for a master's of public health at Dartmouth (part time, three years). Family well—Charlotte (wife), Chelsea (15) almost driving, and Ben (12) sports star!" ✷ **John Clemency** was recently named by his peers as the best bankruptcy lawyer in Phoenix, Ariz. With his J.D. from the New England School of Law (1984), John has been practicing law for 21 years. ✷ **Gwendolyn Toth** will be taking her company of musicians over to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2005. They will be performing (August 15-26) an original theater show set to music of Monteverdi, that was premiered in NYC two years ago with great success. ✷ **Kyle Anne Prescott Bouchard** and husband Steve '76 report from the Denver area, where Ky recently left her job as international baccalaureate coordinator at Littleton High School to take on the job of general contractor for their house addition. She also volunteers at the Pegasus Program, where horses are used as therapy for handicapped kids, combining her love for horses and kids. Their own kids have flown the coop. Sean graduates with a computer science degree from Pomona College in May and Dana is a sophomore in international studies at Miami Univ. of Ohio. The Bouchards enjoyed a visit with Ky's Middlebury roommate, **Sabrina Parisette-Herzog**, and husband Sam this winter, and a visit with Steve's football coach, Mickey Heinecken, and wife Carol who are enjoying the retired life.

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Secretary Noble reports: I write this from my new (old—1820) house in Old Town, Alexandria, a small delightful city which resembles Bedford Falls in *It's a Wonderful Life*, except with cobblestones and preserved Federal houses, including one where Washington really *did* sleep (it was his). One of the Bedford Falls features is an old-fashioned movie theater complete with marquee, which recently featured (in BIG letters), *Born Into Brothels*, **Pam Tanner Boll**'s Oscar-winning movie. Congratulations, Pam! ✷ **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** and **Jane Leggett** (along with their delightful children) and I met for lunch at the new National Museum of the American Indian. Jane and her daughters, Elise (11) and Katie (9.5), are busy and well in D.C., where Jane is senior adviser on climate change at the EPA. She frequently travels to Paris and Mexico City where she endeavors to keep our international relations constructive around climate change issues. Thank you, Jane, and good luck! ✷ **Laurie Galbreath** writes that she is busy raising three sons (who are in three different schools and two different sports—lacrosse and baseball) *and* starting a new company with an architect and interior designer. The company will buy and rehab old houses in an effort to maintain economic diversity in neighborhoods, saving instead of scrapping old houses and donating a percentage of any profits back to the neighborhood. Laurie says she was inspired by seeing so many of her peers being displaced from neighborhoods they grew up in as a result of skyrocketing real estate costs. ✷ **Katie Shepherd Furney** was sad to see the snow leave Lincoln, Vt., where she recently hosted (along with sister Ruth and Ruth's husband, **Ken Pohlman**) a local Olympics. **Chip Callaghan**, **Peter Young**, **Jennifer Brown**, and **Brad Allen** participated in person; **Steve Rayhill** "participated by phone at midnight, which spared him from having to run a slalom course on cross-country skis." While waiting for spring, Katie was preparing for big transitions: Hannah (17) goes to college in the fall and Liza (15) heads to California for a three-week summer adventure. Katie herself is "writing madly in hopes of getting tenure (better late than never) at UVM in fall 2006." ✷ **Janet Rawlings** writes of big changes, too. "I'm entering the final years of child-rearing. Trevor (22) will graduate from Loughborough Univ. with a degree in engineering this summer. Colin (18) started at Cambridge Univ. last fall, again studying engineering. Ben (16) is doing A-levels and deciding which universities to apply to. The Empty Nest is just around the corner." ✷ Not so for **Allison Lee Worthy**, who spends most of her time "in the car, chauffeuring Alexander (15) and Sophie (7)." Allison serves on local boards and volunteers at both of her children's schools. Apart from the mosquitoes and summer heat, Allison is enjoying Chapel Hill: "I think I've finally given into it, because I actually paid attention to the ACC tournament this year. I don't know if this counts as progress or not." ✷ In February, **Kevin Ray** was appointed vice chairman and deputy head of U.S. corporate for Scotia Capital, an investment banking concern he joined in 1980. During the '90s, he served as the bank's most senior officer in Europe while he was head of European operations based in London. Kudos, Kevin! ✷ Phyl got an update from **Mark Efinger**, who teaches theater at Phillips Academy (Andover): "I left Midd on a four-year Army hitch (ROTC funded my education), so a theater major one day, and four days later a nuclear weapons tech officer. That's military intelligence for you. (A scarier thought, however, is the idiot who took the job when I left.) So the good part was three years in Germany where I had two significant occurrences. I blackmailed my way out of Nucs, and became the director of an Army theater program. In the middle of this process, I met a soldier from California with whom I fell in love, married, and now have three boys. Oldest Nate is a track star and music ed major at Ohio Wesleyan. He'll be helping build a home in the Berkshires this summer on some forest land we bought in October. Son Tanner is headed for Paris to attend clown school. Youngest Trevor is finishing senior year at the performing arts high school in Natick. My wife, Cindy, is the director of student activities here at Andover. She also coaches girls' water polo. We have finished up our years in the dorm and now live in a nice little house on the edge of campus. I'm coaching wrestling and teaching theater, right now working on a dramatization of *Things Fall Apart*, which I plan to take to the Grahamstown Festival in South Africa this sum-

mer." ✳ NOTE: Many e-mails are bouncing back. If you have updated your e-mail address, please let us know! And keep those cards and letters coming!
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More than a year ago, many of us left our 25th renewed by amazing friendships. **Nancy Limbacher Meyer** described how the '79 reunion helped to bolster and support her through a tough summer that saw the passing of her mom and her mom's mom. She writes: "The reunion gave me more energy than imaginable to deal with everything. The wonderful support and unqualified joy in seeing all of you classmates gave me a boost and my mom as well, as she absorbed every single story of all the Midd folks she had come to love. Thanks to everyone for that, especially **Dorrie Fuchs**, **Joanellen Sullivan Hurley**, **Majie Zeller**, and John Tokolish '80 (who came from St. Petersburg, Russia). They are nothing short of miracles." On the upside at home, Nancy's daughters have caught the musical bug! "Daughter Katie (15) decided the day she made JV basketball at her competitive school that she really didn't want to play anymore. We talked over her decision and the next day, after talking to the coach and turning in her unworn basketball shoes, she auditioned for a part in *The Laramie Project,* landed it, and has not turned back once. Next she auditioned for *The Wiz* and she landed the role of Evoline (the Wicked Witch of the West) and we all believe she is hooked. Not to be outdone, her sister, Abby (11), auditioned for and was selected to sing in Harmony, Atlanta's International Chorus, winner of the Peacemaker's award for 2004-2005." ✳ **Dana Yeaton** had a production of his play *Midwives* presented recently at the Arizona Repertory Theatre in Tucson. The script, which was directed in a production here at Middlebury last spring by Doug Sprigg, is adapted from the best-selling novel by Chris Bohjalian. ✳ **Henry Heyburn**'s birthday was made more wonderful by calls from classmates **Rob Rowe** and **Randy Sabia**. Henry and wife Alicia planned a bike trip across Montana in early June: "Leaving from Missoula and going to Willton, N.D., approximating fairly closely Lewis and Clark's route." Also he was "helping to coach crew this spring under the watchful eye of two experienced coaches." ✳ From the "getting-our-juniors-ready-for-college" front, **Terri Dumas Samson** reports: "My son Alex is a junior now and we started looking at colleges recently. It seems like just about every place I've taken him I always say 'Well, it's nice, but not like Middlebury.' Then I describe some aspect of Midd that's superior to the college we visited. Finally Alex said to me, 'Okay, Mom, WHEN are we going to Middlebury?' I thought he'd never ask!" ✳ And some happy baby news: Kristen and **Patrick Durkin** are delighted to announce the birth of son Austin Rex Durkin on February 2, 2005. ✳ Please keep in touch about adventures, gatherings and milestones in life and work. We all know that our '79 column is the first thing we turn to in the magazine, so let us all in on your latest news!
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Congratulations to **Larry Welkowitz**, associate prof. of psychology, who was chosen to receive the Keene State College Award for Faculty Distinction in Research and Scholarship for 2004-05. Larry's primary area of research is child developmental problems; he is recognized internationally for his work on Asperger's syndrome. He is the co-author of two books: *The Hidden Face of Shyness* and, with his KSC colleague Dr. Linda Baker, *Understanding Asperger's Syndrome: Interventions for Therapists, Educators, and Communities*. His Web site is welkowitz.typepad.com. ✳ **Jeffrey Catrett** is the academic dean at Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, an international hospitality management school. Speaking fluent French and German, Jeffrey has held key operational management positions and has contributed regularly to major hospitality journals. ✳ **Jenny Weinraub** is a geriatrician and family doctor in Oneonta, N.Y., where she and husband David are raising three kids (16, 13, and 7). They don't get to Vermont often, but spend time in the Adirondacks whenever possible. ✳ **Barbara Banks-Altekruse** lives in Berkeley, Calif., with husband Charlie Altekruse and son Benjamin (3). Barbara is director of marketing and new trip development for Wilderness Travel, a job which happily takes the family all over the world scouting new hiking trips, safaris, and expedition cruises. Closer to home, Barbara still loves sea kayaking in Tomales Bay and telemark skiing at Lake Tahoe. She writes: "Come visit!" ✳ **Doug Wheeler** lives by the sea in La Jolla, Calif., with wife Jane, son Tom (10) and daughter Kaitlin (7). They keep active with the Southern California lifestyle of sports, fun, and sun. Doug is co-owner and partner of the Summit Performance Group, a conference planning, incentive travel, and sports management company. This spring, Doug's niece, Sara Hayes, was celebrating the continuation of a family history as the fifth member of the Wheeler and Hayes family to graduate from Middlebury. ✳ In Connecticut, **Arthur Poltrack** has been named one of the primary owners of Simms Capital Management Inc., a Stamford-based independent investment management firm. Art, who is serving as chief financial officer, has also been appointed chair of a high school construction completion committee and he was instrumental in helping create the consolidated budget for the building project. ✳ **Susie Salzer O'Donohue** has been an attorney with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer in Woodbridge, N.J., for 18 years: "While I love my career, I also love being class parent and team mom for sons Cory (9) and Jamie (12). My family is truly enjoying our vacation home in Naples, Fla. Despite what **Peter Gardner** said, having a home in Florida is not just for old people." ✳ **Bill Higgins** has joined CIRCOR International as executive VP, chief operating officer. During the past 13 years, Bill has held a variety of senior management positions with Honeywell International and AlliedSignal. ✳ **Macy Lawrence Ratliff** loves her new job as an ESL tutor, "a wonderful transfer of my special ed background and skills. Also am enjoying doing lots of outdoor activities with the kids!" ✳ **Niffur Fields Condon** chuckled at the timing of **Doug Pierce** and family going to Chicago to drop off his son at college while she was on her way to China to meet and bring home Addison Hailu, a two-year-old Chinese girl. Besides, she had hoped to hear the announcement on the plane "Your pilot today is Doug Pierce." Addison is smart, funny, and has a redhead's temper, even with her jet black hair. MacKenzie (11) is best friends with her new sister. The adoption was spurred on by the successful adoption of Cecily from China two years ago by Niffur's sister Joslin '85. ✳ **Robert Ackerman**'s first play, *Origin of the Species*, has been released on DVD. Rob's recent comment: "Last night I watched the film for the first time in years, and I found it had somehow managed to ripen with age. Like us all." It's available from Amazon.com or your local video store can stock it. Rob was looking forward to our 25th reunion. ✳ **Michael Rambert** reports that he "really enjoyed working on my 25th class reunion committee. It was great reconnecting with old classmates and friends." ✳ Reunion will be over by the time you read this column. Send your stories!
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Charlie and Mima Nason '82 **Tipper**—along with kids Jack, Willy, and Marley—enjoyed weekly Middlebury reunions during the winter in the lift line at Mad River Glen ski area. ✳ **Jim Davis** is the executive director of the new 54,000-square-foot recreation and community center in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, Indoor Recreation of Orleans County (IROC). Jim married Traci Williams in 2003. In addition to Traci's two children, Riley and Jake, they have since welcomed a new son, Sullivan James. Before joining IROC, Jim had been chief operating officer and owner of two indoor inline hockey facilities in Southern California and was also a founder of the Santa Barbara Hockey Association. ✳ Last fall, **Dave Caputi** was inducted into the Fitchburg (Mass.) High School Hall of Fame. Dave has been the head football coach at Bowdoin since 2000.
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We are pleased to report that the Class of 1982 Scholarship Fund is once again supporting a very worthy student who is a member of the Class of 2005. Our recipient's major is international studies and she has a diverse background in language, art, and exploring different cultures. She spent the summer of 2004 working with Prof. Armelle Crouzieres of the Middlebury French Department in conducting research for her class, called Discovering New Identities: Black and Beur Expressions. The course focuses on minority arts in France today. Our student is very interested in languages and study abroad. She went to Paris in the fall of her junior year, studying at the University of Paris III, and continues with her French studies this year. In the 2004-2005 academic year, she has added Japanese to her language repertoire. Upon graduation, she would like to work abroad and continue to develop her language skills. Her extracurricular endeavors include being a member of KDR, and the Student-Alumni Relations Committee. When asked how she plans to use her Middlebury education, she states, "I think Middlebury teaches you how to learn, as opposed to teaching you specific skills. With this general knowledge, I feel I am a desirable candidate in anything I want to do because I can adapt and adjust well to new environments and different demands. I would like to work either in advertising or the fashion/retail industry afterwards

WEDDINGS

Following the March 17, 2005, marriage of Jean Seeler '60 and Dave Gifford in Trinity, Fla., the newlyweds made their grand entrance into the reception through an archway of tennis racquets.

Suzanne Slarsky '02 and her husband, Martin Rodevad, held a fest at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Mass., in October to celebrate their April 19, 2004, marriage, which took place in Oxford, England. Pictured with the newlyweds in Massachusetts are Amanda Wiegand '02, Brian Elworthy '03, David Wright '02, Dan Salerno, Katie Mae Simpson '02, and Jessica Wasilewski '02.

The marriage of Mindy Atwood '99 and Mark Flater took place on May 1, 2004. Celebrating with them in Sunapee, N.H., were Lucy Roberts Henry '00, David Paul '00, Peg Stearns Burdett '50, Bruce Burdett '50, the newlyweds, Irene Flowers Eide '00, Paul Nelson and Jennifer Nelson (faculty co-heads, Brainerd Commons), Mark Ray '84 (with daughter Emily), and Sarah Van Tuyl Ray '85 (with son Jamie).

Stacy Henderson and Daniel Ackerman '98 were married on May 29, 2004. Celebrating with them on the North Fork of Long Island were Matthew Mithun '99, Michael Stineman '98, Robert Patterson '99, Timothy McMillan '98, the newlyweds, Mark McCormack '98, Charles Seilheimer III '98, Peter Austin '99, and Adam Barron '00.

When Lisa Cote '99 and Brent Boucher got married on May 29, 2004, they celebrated at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club in Rye, N.H., with (all '99 unless noted) Emily Evans Johnson, Sarah Cotton, (second row) Elizabeth Xanthopoulos, Mimi Doggett, the newlyweds, Susan Givens, Kristin Borden, (back row) Martha Alexander, Mike Hussey, Amy Ferenz, Greg Poulos '98, and Chris Clark '00.

The September 18, 2004, wedding of Marna Whittington '99 and Thomas McDermott took place at the Delaware home of the bride's parents. Since the many Midd Kids in attendance would not hold still for a photo, the newlyweds sent one of themselves.

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Following the June 5, 2004, marriage of Christina Tatikian and Dan Rice '96 in East Hampton, N.Y., Middlebury friends celebrating with them included (all '96 unless noted) Jess Angell, Molly Bschorr Ferguson, Eric Davis, the newlyweds, Andrew Kvaal, (second row) Charlie Whinery, Laurie Healy Ewald '95, Debbie Bailey Kreuzer, Mike Kreuzer, Ben Hartley, Amanda Gordon Fletcher, Greg Guido, Pam Bittner (twin sister of Jeff Bittner), Amy Atwood Kvaal, (third row) Jethro Ferguson, Ashley McMullin, Anthony Civale, and Keith Magliana. Cheryl Kozlowski missed the photo.

A meadow at the Blueberry Hill Inn was the setting of the August 14, 2004, wedding of Kate Hoy '00 and Jamie May '05. Celebrating with them in Goshen, Vt., were Justin Waldman (who wishes he had gone to Middlebury), Sarah Fordyce '00, Jon Chesebro '01, Marc St. Andre '00, Dauvin Peterson '01, the newlyweds, Josh Gutierrez '01, Sarah Glendon '00, and Ryan Conviser '00. Missing the photo was Jen Crystal '00.

Married in Salt Lake City, Utah, Tauna Saunders '02 and Vinny Idone '01 celebrated with Middlebury friends (front) Kendra Slater '01, Orin Moore '01, Dan Graham '01, Matt Venhorst '01, (second row) Zak Pritchard '01, the newlyweds, (third row) Ted Walker '02, Kadion Phillips '03, Seth Kroop '02, Meg Kumpf '02, Patrick Duffy '02, Tyson Schoelzel '02, Seth Wolcott-McCausland '00, Annie Nichols '02, Amy Hendrickson '02, Michele Miers-Phillips '02, Michelle Mejia '02, and Melinda Graber '02.

Tamsen Fricke '01 and Andres Perez were married in Quito, Ecuador, on August 21, 2004.

The August 28, 2004, wedding of Amy Leibowitz '00 and Josh Shapiro '97 was the occasion of a large Middlebury gathering in Eagles Mere, Pa., including Chris Ashley '00, Bryan Donohoe '00, Rob Patterson '99, Mike Moore '97, Adam Minnick '97, (second row) Alyssa Pappas Zink '00, Scott Wiercinski '99, Aaron Baggish '97, Ali Fischer Connolly '02, Gwenie Rogers '00, Hilary Amoss Gibbons '00, Lyndsey Erickson '00, Farah-France Marcel '00, James Rudolf '01, Jessica Grillo '00, (back row) Jeff Doran '00, Kyle Burke '97, Sam Weeman '99, Michael Stineman '98, Dave Lis '00, Steve Carre '97, Peter Austin '99, and Eric Zink '00.

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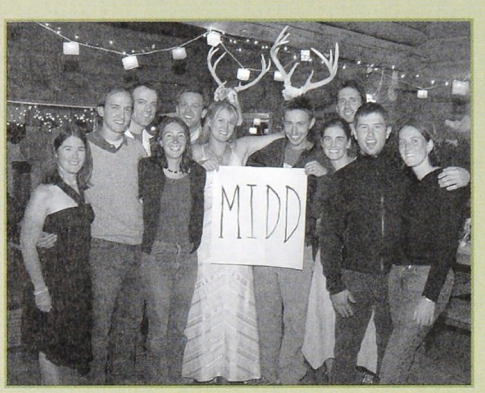
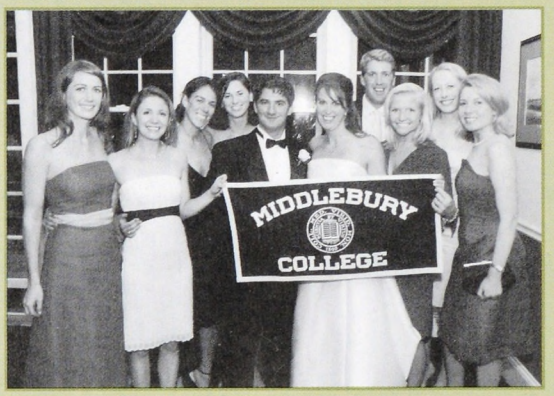
Married in New York City on September 10, 2004, Donna Marie Shaban and Kuni Chen '93 celebrated with Midd friends Henry Calam '93, Benjamin Freiberg '95, and Greg Sams'93.



The marriage of Amanda Ayres '00 and Dave Philipps '00 took place on September 5, 2004. In Buena Vista, Colo., the festivities included camping out and playing in the mountains for Midd friends Laura Greco '91, Alessandro Sacerdoti '00, Mike Kautz '01, Monique Monteverde '00, Alex Nelson '00, the newlyweds, Michael Hoyer '01, Rob Lang '00, Tim Sullivan '00, and Erin Burns '00.

The celebration following the September 18, 2004, wedding of Whitney Parks '97 and Jordan Berns, brought many Midd friends to Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. ('97 unless noted): Torrey Hinman Plank '96, Bart Plank '96, Shannon Reilly, Bob Gay '61, Christine McCann Hamner, Laine Catlin, the newlyweds, Nick Whitman, Maggie Bittinger Liljegren, Amy DiAdamo Foster, Franklin Foster '98, Seth Cameron '95, Alex Finkelstein, Jonathan McCall, Kate Oates Sweeny, Adam Duarte, Jen Hefner, Kirtley Horton Cameron '95, Matt Rudnick, Alice McKown '95, Molly Lukins Burke, and Brian Burke.



Following the September 18, 2004, wedding of Sarah Brooks '02 and Chris Minardi, a reception at the South Fork Country Club in Amagansett, N.Y., brought together (all '02 unless noted) Penelope Wall, Sydney Johnston, Lauren Franco, Stella Harman, the newlyweds, Bobby Wainwright '03, Megan Sands, Heidi Robinson, and Hilary Johnson.

Gathering in Charlottesville, Va., for the September 25, 2004, wedding of Nora Darrell and Charles H. Seilheimer III '98 were Sacha Janke '98, Ryan Goldman '98, Carli Calleja '98, Dan Ackerman '98, Hilary Decker Sinnamon '98, Brandon Doyle '98, PJ Smith '98, Mara Fischbacher Gibson '95, Charles Seilheimer Jr. '63, the newlyweds, Dana Gibson '94, Anne Seilheimer Prentice '95, Marian Darrell Fife '92, Tyler Lifton '98, McAndrew Rudisill '01, Amy DiAdamo Foster '97, Franklin Foster '98, Hayden Baker '98, and Caleb Clark '98.

Cindy Withington '00 and Jeremy Newman were married in the Adirondack Mountains of New York on October 2, 2004. After a ride up the chairlift, they celebrated at the Oak Mountain Ski Lodge with (front) Janeen Hetzler '00, Ramya Chari '00, Nina Beyer '00, Lisa Labonte Crane '00, Heather Voborsky '00, Charlene Weigel '00, Cathryn Vega '02, Brenda Fraire '00, (back row) Martin Beatty '84 (bride's track coach), and the newlyweds.

The Casa Del Mar in Santa Monica, Calif., was the setting for the wedding of Mariko Ishimori and Nick Testa '95. Celebrating with them on October 11, 2004, were (all '95 unless noted) Sarah Kramer '96, Zach Niles, Greg Pitts, Mike Ricciardelli, Paul Krissoff, John McCabe, Chris Velan '96, (back) Andrew Cantor, Alice McKown, Holly Hoover Cook '93, Justin Cook, Jeff Arkin, the newlyweds, Paul Testa '91, Schuyler Coppedge, Greg Lehmann, and Dieter Erdmann.

Anna Benvenuto '00 and Jeffrey Taylor were married on October 9, 2004. Celebrating with them at Sleepy Hollow Inn in Huntington, Vt., were Susan Keller Whitman '98, Kate Sabatini '01, the newlyweds, Brian Harrison '99, Amari Parker Harrison '99, Molly Fitzgibbon '00, Thaya Brook '99, Andrew Hattori '02, Julie Culver '00, and Angie Smith '00. Rebecca Moultroup Joyce '01 missed the photo.

Middlebury '95s gathered in San Mateo, Calif., to celebrate the October 9, 2004, marriage of Diana Gregory '95 and Douglas Horner: Lesley Tucker, Millie Dayton Levine, Eric Levine, Katina Houvouras, the newlyweds, Amy Young, Ellen Anderson Holt, Charlie Wyman, and Tiffany Claflin.

The star-studded Middlebury Mothership landed in Stowe, Vt., for the wedding of Kim Holtan '81 and Gilman Lang, who met on the chairlift at Stowe and have been riding high ever since. Celebrating with them on October 9, 2004, were (all '81 unless noted) Molly Stevens, Ricardo Presnell, Mima Nason Tipper '83, Mo Hill Collins, the newlyweds, Trish Bramante Gary, Corinne Corrigan Schneider, Kate Deregibus, (second row) Doug Rich, Nell Stifel, Brian Holtan '76, John Dickey '82, Neal Lischner, Vinna Dunn, Jean Epps Jacobson, Charlie Tipper, Rich Lennon '80, and Gary Holtan '78. Carl Howard missed the photo.

for a few years, either here or abroad, before going back to school for either business or French." Our recipient wanted us to pass along her thanks and appreciation to the Class of 1982. ✷ Susan and **John "RJ" Hake** and son Jackson are pleased to report that Peter Carroll Hake was born on February 16. RJ reports that, thus far, Peter is a mellow little guy, much to the relief of his parents.
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Boston Beer Company has appointed **Dave Burwick** as a director of the company. He's serving as senior VP and chief marketing officer of Pepsi Cola North America. ✷ **Pamela Boucher DeGregorio** and husband Michael live in Mokena, Ill., where they are raising sons Anthony (8) and Nicholas (5). "We are very active in our community. I still love politics, reading, cooking, and a new love—gardening." ✷ **Kerry Callahan** has been appointed chair of the litigation department at Hartford (Conn.) law firm Updike, Kelly & Spellacy. ✷ **Debbie Smith** is reportedly doing fine in Minnesota. She married fellow New Englander Nick Jordan in 2003 and welcomed Clare in December. All are well, enjoying music, gardening, etc. ✷ **Jennifer Peters** works as a hospitalist at the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, Mass. She and her family split their time between Duxbury, Mass., and Thetford, Vt.: "Our kids, Colin (12) and Sarah (9), ski race at the Dartmouth Skiway, with an occasional trip to the Snow Bowl."
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Kate Lucey writes from St. Andrews, Scotland, where she's spending a semester or so, to say that she is living the PG-9 lifestyle, raising wee ones Calvin (9) and Franny (5). Her primary goal is to make sure these two "spring into the larger world with some energy and optimism." After completing a master's in American history, Kate worked for 10 years in the community development field in Chicago and New York state—grant writing, nonprofit management, community-based planning, and downtown revitalization. Now she's working on an advanced degree in developmental psych. When stateside, Kate's husband, David McCabe, teaches philosophy at Colgate Univ. and they dwell in a house that is "still standing after enduring almost 150 central New York winters." Counseled by their contractor on the instability of the room directly atop their TV room, the couple nonetheless plant themselves in harm's way, viewing Netflix DVDs while the snow piles up outside, day after day after day. ✷ We were dismayed to hear that **Michaela Mentzer Hardimon** had been diagnosed with CML, a slow-to-progress form of leukemia. However, this winter she wrote that "after taking the 'miracle drug' Gleevec for one year, I am almost cured!" Wonderful news! ✷ **Brian Aldershof** writes from Greenwich, Conn., that he recently changed jobs, "something of an event for me, as this is only my third job since leaving Middlebury." He labors as director of risk management at Sagamore Hill Capital, a hedge fund. Brian reports that he was recently engaged in innocent banter at the company watercooler, and learned that one of his colleague's parents graduated from Middlebury in 1979. This exchange, he reports, left him "shaken and unable to work." The fact that his daughter is filling out college applications makes him feel no younger. ✷ **Gordon Woodworth** started a new job in early May: "After 16 years at UVM, I am now news editor at *The Chronicle,* a wonderful weekly newspaper in Glens Falls, N.Y." ✷ **Peter O'Meara** informs us that the 10th anniversary of his marriage to Heather has come and gone. They have two daughters, Caroline (5) and Annie (7). (**Annie**, by the way, is the first name of a fellow '84 with the last name **Chapman** who has not seen fit to answer my pleas to let us know how or where she is.) Peter has worked for 14 years at Pfizer, the last nine as a manager. After living in Seattle for 14 years, he recently moved the family to Snoqualmie, Wash. Peter reports making contact with fellow undefeated Middlebury junior varsity lacrosse man **Clay Ernst**, who is now in San Francisco with Citigroup. ✷ **Kyukei Soejima** sent an e-mail to the class secretaries seeking help locating his old freshman roommate, **Carter Freeman**. We hope our clues were helpful. Kyukei is living in Japan, and an avid reader of class notes.
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I ran into **Jean Flemma** at the reception for President Liebowitz in Chicago. Jean recently left Washington, after many years working on the Hill, and has relocated with her husband to the heartland of the country. Jean is the executive director for the Prairie Rivers Network whose mission is to protect the streams of Illinois. The nonprofit is based in Champaign, Ill., home of the Univ. of Ill., where Jean's husband works. ✷ After spending 12 years at Quaker Oats and Pepsi, where he led the consumer strategy and insights department for Pepsi's U.S. foods division, **Tom Palmer** (tpalmer@otxresearch.com) joined OTX Research in April as senior VP, marketing insights: "OTX is an L.A.-based marketing research and consulting company with roots in the entertainment industry. We combine state-of-the-art technology for conducting online research with management experience from the entertainment, advertising, and packaged goods industries to help businesses develop strong branding, advertising, packaging, new product concepts, etc. I will open and run the Chicago office for OTX." ✷ For the past 10 years, **Lindsey Kalat Margaroli** has been living in Ohio with daughter Claudia (13) and son Luke (11). Lindsey works as director of alumni affairs and development at Ohio State Univ. She was planning to attend our 20th reunion and sent thanks to the reunion planning committee. ✷ In Cincinnati, **Lissa Briggs Gosiger** is a children's hospital fund-raiser—and soccer coach for two of her kids! She reports three children: Pauley (10), Maggie (8), and Sam (5). ✷ **Wistar Morris** is still in the Charlottesville, Va., area where he's the executive director and general counsel for the Miller Center Foundation at the Univ. of Virginia. He also recently joined the board of trustees at North Cross School in Roanoke, Va. ✷ **Jennifer Karin Sidford** and husband Chris live in Newburyport, Mass. An ER physician, Chris commutes to the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass., while Jennifer is director of communications for One Family Foundation in Boston, an organization devoted to ending family homelessness. Jennifer recently wrote a children's book, *The Bear Who Loves Halloween;* all profits directly benefit the homeless. Another book, due out this spring, is *Letters to a Girl: A Perennial Celebration of Growing Up Female.* ✷ Tom and **Ann Lord Dill** welcomed twin daughters Sophia Charlotte and Emily Louise Dill on October 20, 2004: "Born just down the street from Fenway, they arrived in the middle of the seventh game of the Red Sox vs. Yankees playoffs. We think they must have been the good luck charm the Red Sox needed." ✷ In Edwards, Colo., **Sara Argueso-Nott** has two children, Austin (8) and Megan (4). "I run into many Midd grads of all ages. Always enjoy their zest for life!" ✷ **Ruth Lohmann Davis** lives in Durham, N.H., with husband Matt (prof. of groundwater hydrology at UNH) and daughters Kelly (9), Natalie (7), and Carola (3). Ruth was looking forward to reunion!
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Daniel Miller and wife Eden enjoy life in NYC with kids Kayla (8) and Jack (6), who attend Ethical Culture Fieldston School. He writes: "I bike along the Hudson River from the far West Village to work every day. On weekends, we head out to Montauk where surfing and mountain biking are year-round sports. My 12-year-old film production company, U Direct Productions, resides in the heart of Tribeca where we produce and edit commercials for ad agencies and networks, spots for JetBlue being some of the more visible work in New England. A new hire, Kati Madouras '04 (goalie for last year's championship women's hockey team), has been with U Direct since August. I can't remember life here without her. We'll be greeting a sophomore on Monday, who'll help us shoot a Neutrogena spot. I am still active in alumni admissions. We also host externs from Midd. If you're in the hood, please stop by and say hello." ✷ In western New York state, **Frank Muggia**'s top priorities are wife Denise and kids Sydney (11), Ben (8), and Sophia (5)—plus all four grandparents, who are going strong! "We see **Domenic Ciarallo** often, but not often enough. I finally became a single digit handicap in golf, which has been anticlimactic. We enjoy spending the winters at the mountain house, skiing as a family. Kudos to Red Sox fans worldwide! I have been running my own law firm for many years, with offices in New York and Boston. As much as I enjoy law, my true passion is in the entertainment industry. I'm president of a company I formed, Orchard Park Productions. We have a film being released this fall starring Carmen Electra and Jason Priestly, called *Hot Tamale.* I'm the proud executive producer. With U.S. premiers in L.A., Chicago, and NYC, we have a busy fall in store. There are several more films and a Broadway show in the works. Didn't set off down this path, but thrilled to be here." ✷ **Ann McCollum** is trying "to assess my life in terms of play time, so I'd say my 40th year was successful. This winter I loved breaking in a new pair of telemark skis in record New Mexico snows; this summer I plan to raft guide and teach kayaking on the drought-breaking runoff. Gotta stay busy to keep up with my students. Did you know this year's graduating high school seniors were born after we graduated from college? Ouch." ✷ **Tom McKenna** is on the education department faculty at the Univ. of Alaska Southeast. He's also director of technology for the Bread Loaf School of English. Tom and wife Ali (M.A. English '99), son Tim (5), and daughter Katie (3) welcome visits from Alaska travelers. ✷ **Ellen**

Bauman Metzger is living in Newton, Mass., with husband Carl and kids Jesse (9) and Leah (7). Ellen works at the Learning Center for Deaf Children in Framingham, where she also serves as the K-12 math specialist. She has almost completed a second master's degree, this one in math education at Boston Univ. (Her first was in deaf education from Western Maryland College, now called McDaniel College.) ✳ **Lyle Fulkerson** spent a few winter days in Jackson Hole visiting and skiing with **Henry Romaine**. They bumped into **Sarah Christel**, another resident. ✳ **Bruce Genereaux** is busy in Hanover, N.H.: "Mid-March found the family out on the Connecticut River trying to ice fish. The ice so thick this year we couldn't cut through it with our 18-inch chain saw. Kids robust and skiing up a storm. My wife, Janna, and I opened the Upper Valley Learning Center, an indoor and outdoor events facility for business, classes, and family. Drop by if you're in the area and join us for some backyard adventure. ✳ Congrats to **Brad Schildt** who finally met the woman of his dreams. Brad and MaryLynn McSorley were married on October 24 in Boulder, Colo., where they live. Bruce Genereaux was best man; dogs Wolf and Moki were the ring bearers. Midds in attendance included **John Hill**, **Rob Masinter**, Scott Sunbury '87, and Kim Chedel '87. ✳ **Tracy Edwards Murtagh** and her family enjoyed a long Easter weekend in Park City, Utah, where son Ian (5) was ski racing in the U.S. Nastar Nationals. Tracy writes "It was definitely a wax and weight race as the course for his age class (expert male, age 1-4) was exceptionally flat and the snow conditions variable. Although ranked third going into the race, Ian managed to hold onto second place overall by .1 percent averaged over the two-day event! Needless to say, Ian's race was the highlight of our ski season." ✳ Park City resident **Debbie Hendrickson Sexton** (dsexton@parkcityut.net) is a full-time mom for Alex (5.5) and Katherine Elizabeth Sexton, born January 20, 2005. Husband Jonathan works for Vehix, Inc., based in Salt Lake City. They would love to hear from Midd friends who make their way to Park City. ✳ **Gary Domoracki** enjoys his new role as a director and a regional office manager for private client services at Credit Suisse First Boston. In his free time, he's busy keeping up with his wife and SIX kids at home in Hamilton, Mass. He catches up with **Tom Farrell** at board meetings of the Alumni Association of Boston Univ. School of Law and was looking forward to his annual summer outing with **Luke Loveys**, **John Aicher**, **Mark Paradis**, and his other KDR buddies. ✳ In Charlottesville, **Cathy Cassety Friel** (cc@bdaarchitects.com) is practicing architecture with Bushman Dreyfus Architects four days a week. Her twin daughters will enter kindergarten next year. Husband Charlie has a busy surgical practice and her parents have bought the house right next door to them. Last fall, she caught up with **Helena Paulin** in Palo Alto and reports "she's doing great!" Cathy would love to hear from Midd pals, as would **Jane Richardson Dobbs** (jimandjane@comcast.net) in Tallahassee. Jane's husband, Jim, is a partner in an engineering firm and she's a stay-at-home mom with Sam (11) and Grace (9). They spent two weeks around Yellowstone last summer and were heading to the Blue Ridge Mountains this summer for white water rafting. ✳ After four years teaching law and history at the Univ. of Ill. and the State Univ. of N.Y., **Hal Goldman** has relocated to Montebello, Quebec, where he and wife Galia Vaillancourt are fixing up an old farmhouse. He also teaches European and American history part time at Carleton Univ. in Ottawa and law at UVM's business school. He and his wife, a nature guide, spend as much time fishing and hunting as possible. ✳ Carolyn and **Parker Gilbert** and kids Parker (13), Todd (10), Elliot (7), and Paige (4) got in a fun trip to Beaver Creek, Colo., earlier this year: "We caught up with real estate mogul **Dudley Ottley** and his sons, Dudley and Patrick. We skied on fresh powder and had many good laughs with Dudley, who was very patient with our blue trail bias. Dudley was a great host and is ready for more Midd folks to come visit." ✳ **Leigh Forsyth** works in the Haddam, Conn., office of ECS, an environmental consulting firm. She recently caught up with **Cynthia Loggia (Marlette) Armstrong** (who lives in the Chinatown section of Boston with her husband and son Henry), **Nathalie Tissaire O'Malley** (who married in 2003 and has a one-year-old daughter Isabelle), and **Greg Sheffer**. Greg is a California attorney, who does a lot of surfing. ✳ Already a member of the New England Hall of Fame, **Erin Quinn** was recently inducted into the Vermont Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

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Babies dominate the news! On February 2, 2004, Jon and **Amy Sylvester Averill** welcomed third child Jack. He joins sister Caroline (6) and brother Charlie (4). Amy reports that the whole family is enjoying life in Shelburne, Vt. ✳ Jim and **Alison Napack Kallman** welcomed son William Nicholas on February 18, 2004. They celebrated William's first birthday with **Julie Soper Long**, **Katherine Ury Steiger**, and **Britta Herlitz Lerner**, and their families. "Loads of fun with the future Midd Kids!" ✳ Clara and **Rob Jenkins** are the proud parents of two beautiful girls: "Amanda Nicole and Meredith Hailey arrived on September 14, 2004, and were a whopping 6 lb., 1 oz. and 7 lb., 4 oz. each! We are settling into our new house in South Orange Village, just outside NYC, and have plenty of room for visitors to the area. Rob (rjenkins@pouschinecook.com) continues to work in private equity at Pouschine Cook Capital."

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Michael Reynal lives in London with wife Amanda and sons Henry (4) and George (1): "We love living here and I am enjoying my experience. We often see London resident **Anthony Loudon** and **Nicolas Iselin**, who lives in Geneva." ✳ **Catherine Smith** is still in Boston with husband Steve and daughters Eliana (6) and Francesca (4). "I continue to work as an enforcement attorney at the Environmental Protection Agency. We should all be proud of Middlebury's efforts to promote green, sustainable buildings. Middlebury is recognized as a real leader in this area!" ✳ **Julia Foote LeStage** and husband Gregg welcomed Elsa Lynden Foote LeStage on January 31, 2005. Little Elsa joins sisters Chloe and Sadie. ✳ **Dina Wolkoff** and Tal Birdsey '87 were married on November 21, 2004, in Minneapolis, Minn., at the Walker Art Center's Cowles Conservatory. Dina and Tal live in Ripton along with Tal's sons, Henry Birdsey (10) and Calder Birdsey (7). Tal is the founder and head teacher of the North Branch School in Ripton. Dina is assistant director of Democracy for America, the political committee founded by Gov. Howard Dean. ✳ In Portland, Maine, **Mike Dow** is the owner of Tilson Technology Management. He and a partner are marketing a sales-force-for-hire aimed specifically at technology companies. Mike has also kept up his bilingual skills and maintained contacts in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Beijing, and Singapore.

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Nicole DeVito writes that she recently took a hiatus from photojournalism, her career of 15 years, to enter a graduate program in somatic psychology in the Bay area. ✳ **Ariane van Notten**, who has her own publishing company, has been living in Amsterdam with her husband and three kids. This July she and her family are moving to Shanghai for a few years. ✳ **Cheryl Dufault** and Thomas Patterson were married September 18, 2004, in Millville, N.J. The reception was held at Merighi's Savoy Inn in Vineland. In New Jersey, Cheryl is a communications consultant for Custom Benefit Programs, Inc., while her husband is a customer service manager for Masonite Door Fabrication. ✳ Shelley and **Graham Goldsmith** have three girls—Campbell (8), Lily (5), and Margot (3). "We live in Princeton, N.J., and see **Bob More** often. Recently saw **Steve Becker**, who is living large in Dallas."

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Classmates on the move! **Deb Tobey** has moved from Santa Fe to Stowe, Vt., where she's teaching skiing and doing bodywork and ropes course facilitation. She is really enjoying being back in Vt. ✳ **Steph Cooper** moved to Boston for a job with the state's executive Office of Environmental Affairs. ✳ **Margie Butler** is in school for her MFA. ✳ At the end of 2003, **Kim Bradley** moved to Berlin where she's now the deputy editor-in-chief of a magazine distributed around Europe. Kim manages to keep up with her own fiction writing, for which she does occasional readings, as well as art criticism and translating work on the side. ✳ Dirk '89 and **Sarah Quinlan Murphy** have relocated from Jackson Hole, Wyo., to Mattapoisett, Mass. While they miss Jackson (and **Chip Marvin**!), they and their daughters (ages 4.5 and 16 mos.) are enjoying being near family and East Coast friends. ✳ **Christopher** and Sloane Stephens '91 **Awtrey** were moving to Boston in June, after Chris finished his fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in NYC. ✳ **Lyssandra Barbieri** recently returned from Patagonia, where she was traveling with, among others, **Elisabeth Grinspoon**. ✳ Congratulations to **Gary Sedlik**, who was elected to partner this year at his L.A. law firm, White & Case. Still living in Manhattan Beach with wife Sara and son Noah (2), Gary would love to see any Midd folks passing through Southern California. He recently caught up with **Nick Budnick**, **Pat Dorton**, and **Tim Berry** in D.C. ✳ **Marco**

Scuriatti, who still lives in D.C. with his wife and their two little boys, travels frequently in his position as senior country officer for the Andean countries for the World Bank. Prior to this assignment he was the assistant to World Bank's President James Wolfensohn; before that his portfolio was the Caribbean countries. ✳ Brooklyn resident **Ian Kelley** was recently elected president of the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation, a non-for-profit organization committed to the economic development of the Atlantic Avenue area. Ian is also becoming the president of the National Center for Creative Aging, based in Fort Greene. He's a partner in Lee & Kelley, LLP. Wife Joanna, a landscape architect, serves as cochair of the Greening Committee of the Boerum Hill Association. Their son Nicholas is two and one-half. ✳ **Donna More Volpitta** is finishing her doctoral degree at Columbia's Teachers College in learning disabilities. At last report, Donna and husband Richard had a son, Marco (3) and a daughter, Jenna (19 mos.). ✳ Karen and **Rob Gray** welcomed their third daughter, Bridget Walsh Gray, on October 2, 2004. ✳ November 6 was the birthday of Elena Boyle, daughter of Hanna and **Jim Boyle**. Jim reports: "We're living just off Harvard Square and loving it." ✳ **Kathryn Dubzinski McDonald** and husband PJ welcomed third child Tucker Steven into the world on December 29. He joins brother Griffin (5) and sister Reagan (4). ✳ **Andrew** and Tonje Kilen '93 **Snow** are enjoying parenting two boys (ages 18 mos. and 5 mos.), living in Lincoln Park, just outside of Chicago. "Life in our house is indeed hectic," they report.

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Barb Woodbury Matassa writes that she and her husband recently returned from China with a beautiful baby girl! "Grace Mei FuDan Matassa was born in Huangmei, Hubei Province, on March 16, 2004. Our 'Gotcha Day' was the day after Easter and my birthday! Mei Mei is doing great—walking everywhere and getting into everything. First English word: 'dg'—for our two dogs. I guess we know where we stand as parents!" ✳ **Dawn Elizabeth Blalock** sends some interesting observations: "It's quite amazing how Midd mail follows you everywhere. I can't get my bills or my *New Yorkers*, but the Midd magazine shows up. After 20 months in Angola, I moved to Sudan to where I'm working as the spokesperson and information officer for the UN humanitarian operations in the Sudan. Although I am missing the tropical weather (not to mention the surfing of Southern Africa), it's an interesting and dynamic time to be working in the country." ✳ **Kate Parker Muller** is "still entrenched in San Francisco, working at *Outside Magazine*—six years!" Kate and Erik welcomed their first child, Nikolas (Niko), in August 2004. ✳ Chris '90 and **Sloane Stephens Awtrey** were planning a move to Boston in June. Chris finished his fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and will work at Beth Israel in Boston. ✳ **Karen Gnuse Nead**, a physician specializing in internal medicine and pediatrics, has joined a practice in Ridgefield, Conn. She has also been appointed to the departments of medicine and pediatrics at Danbury Hospital. She has a special interest in preventive health care, especially the prevention of obesity in children. While serving as an attending physician and assistant prof. in pediatrics at the Yale Univ. School of Medicine, she won the 2004 Howard A. Peterson faculty teaching award. ✳ **Michelle Graber Bergland** and **Sue Melo** report that they "took a reunion trip to Middlebury last year to share memories and celebrate the life of our dear friend, **Elise Rodman**, who passed away in April 2004. We have been friends with Elise since our very first days together in Battell Center, and we will miss her. While at Middlebury, Elise majored in East Asian studies and spent her junior year in Japan. Following graduation, she lived in NYC and San Francisco, pursuing a career in human resources. She is survived by her brother, mother, father, and grandmother, and our many happy memories. Michelle (bergland@mac.com) and Sue (suzannemelo@yahoo.com) welcome classmates to share their memories and thoughts with them."

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Major **Hank McKnelly** and six other members of the office of the staff judge advocate's division operational law team helped coordinate security measures for the Iraqi election in January. The team ensured that all ballot materials were transported to approximately 1,500 polling stations in Baghdad alone and coordinated logistical and security tasking with representatives of the International Electoral Commission of Iraq and the Iraqi Security Forces. Nearly 3.9 million registered voters of Baghdad's approximate 6 million-person population were eligible to cast a ballot and voter turnout exceeded expectations. Hank noted that, while everyone will be relieved when the elections are over, the opportunity to contribute to the process has been a high point of his profession: "This is unquestionably both the most challenging and rewarding experience of my career." ✳ **Tiffany Winne**, who lives in Chicago with husband George, works in commercial real estate consulting. "Since Midd, I went to grad school in philosophy at St. Johns College in Santa Fe, N.M., at their Great Books program. After grad school, I did a stint in the Peace Corps in Hungary. Back in the U.S., I moved to Boston and worked in management consulting, which led me out to Chicago about five years ago to work on some midwestern clients. I switched my focus from general management consulting to commercial real estate about three years ago, which has cut down on the travel and has made for a much saner life." ✳ **Tom Campi** traded in NYC for the retirement life of Saint Michaels, Md., on the waters of the Chesapeake where he is the principal and wealth manager of his firm, Bay Wealth Retirement & Family Advisory. In his spare time, he aspires to be the Donald of vacation rental homes, but his greatest accomplishment to date is daughter Arianna (1). ✳ **Merritt Green** has opened a law firm, General Counsel, P.C., in McLean, Va., practicing in D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. ✳ **Dave Weld** recently returned to the D.C. area after five years in Africa with Habitat for Humanity. ✳ The marriage of Deborah Waluven and **Maury Thompson** took place on October 9, 2004, in Glens Falls, N.Y. Maury is a staff writer for the *Post-Star* in Glens Falls. ✳ **Holly Mead** and Mike welcomed William Russell Mead-McCaughan to their family on February 8. The family is doing well and getting used to the lack of sleep. Maggie (3) adores her little brother and constantly wants to help out with "baby William." Holly is also completing her Ph.D. in public policy this summer from George Washington Univ., where she works on health care issues related to women, the uninsured, and underserved. ✳ Annie and **Charlie Watson** welcomed William Gunnar Watson on March 13. Gunnar joins big brother Charlie Mac (3). The Watsons live in New Canaan, Conn., and Charlie works for Russell Reynolds Associates in NYC as an executive recruiter in the finance industry. ✳ **Ryan** and **Carrie Harasimowicz Sullivan** welcomed their third daughter, which is enough for a front line in ice hockey—but apparently they aren't planning on the full basketball squad! ✳ **Mara Gorman** and husband Matt Kinsverik welcomed second son Edward Nils (Teddy) on March 31. He joins big brother Tommy (3). Congratulations also to Mara, who has been awarded a grant by the Delaware Division of the Arts as an emerging artist. After spending a year on the road with Matt and Tommy in the U.S. and abroad, Mara is writing a book chronicling their adventures. ✳ Twins Cricket Jean Lemon and Samantha Sterling Lemon were born to Steve and **Sandy Palmer Lemon** just before midnight April 26. (Midd grandparents Charlie '57 and Pat Judah Palmer '57 were also elated of course!)

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Chip Muller won an Emmy Award for his documentary *North Carolina's Dependence on Tobacco* ("Best Documentary—Topical"). Now he has moved on from his reporter position at UNC-TV to attend law school at the University of North Carolina. While he will miss his former career, he pointed out that an Emmy award "was a nice note to end on." ✳ **Todd Lambert** is "back home in Saint John, New Brunswick, with wife April and three busy boys—Adam (5), Andrew (3), and Ben (2). Working in regional hospital as director of pediatric intensive care and also doing general pediatrics. Staying active playing senior hockey and doing half marathons in the summer. Looking to do first spring triathlon this summer." ✳ **Brooke Feder** is a consultant in the Stamford office of CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate services firm. ✳ **Sam** (argentinauncorked.com) and **Vanessa Guibert Heitner** and sons Santiago and Matías are pleased to report that they have finished their apartment renovation and have finally moved in to their new place: Federico Lacroze 1920, 1426 Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Sam travels frequently to Europe and the U.S., and their travel business continues to grow. ✳ Becca and **Tim Shaw** welcomed daughter Hannah Brynn Shaw on January 3. Tim recently reported: "She's majoring in burping with a concentration in drooling. All is well here as we are living in Stamford, Conn., and I'm working at Court TV as an account executive in ad sales." ✳ Lynn and **Marc Pina** are pleased to announce the birth of Lily Grace Pina on April 17, 2005. They live in Arlington, Va., where Marc is a real estate agent. Marc (marc@marcpina.com) says hello and welcomes correspondence with fellow alums.

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In Waitsfield, Vt., **Bryan Wockley** is involved with the Valley Players as an actor, producer, and board member. In his day job, he uses his fluency in Russian, Serbian, German, and Spanish to work for Project Harmony in School Connectivity Programs (SCP) in Armenia and Azerbaijan. Working in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Project Harmony's mission is to build strong communities by fostering civic leadership, harnessing Internet technology, and facilitating cross-cultural experiential learning in the U.S., Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, and Ukraine. ✳ **Brendan Collins** reports that he and his family have temporarily moved to Dublin, Ireland, where he is a surgical registrar at Beaumont Hospital. ✳ **Porter Fox** graduated in May from the New School in NYC with a master's in creative writing. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.
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Rob Nathan reports that he married Patrícia Maciel da Cunha on December 14 in Porto de Galinhas, Brazil. "Unfortunately my Midd friends couldn't make it, but about 40 gringos and 45 Brasileiros were there including my uncle, Edmund Winnicki '70. After the weeklong celebration on the beach, we toured Patrícia's hometown with some of my family. Then we honeymooned for a week on Fernando de Noronha, an island off the coast of Brazil that has been turned into a nature preserve. Since most of our North American friends couldn't make it to the wedding, we had another party for them on New Year's Eve in Bristol, R.I. We were happy that **Mara Rendi Farris** was able to come down for that. Since Middlebury, I have lived in Wyoming, Idaho, Vermont, Massachusetts, and California, and have finally settled in North Vancouver, B.C. I went back to school (Art Center College of Design) and got a degree in industrial design. After doing work for companies such as Nike, Merrell, Burton Snowboards, and Herman Miller, I'm now designing for SOLE Custom Footbeds. My wife is an immigration paralegal, though originally she worked as a fisheries engineer. I have not kept in touch with as many people as I would have liked, so drop us a line if anyone comes through on their way to Whistler!" ✳ Amy Tarris and **Robert Vanderbes** were married recently at the Silvermine Tavern in Norwalk, Conn. Robert is the CEO of Norwalk-based Emergency Medical Group, LLC; Amy is the consumer research manager for *Real Simple* magazine. ✳ **Taylor Kirkpatrick** has authored a book for young readers and families. His book, *Worthwhile,* has been getting a very positive reception. ✳ **Jeremy Sacco** (jsacco@gmail.com) and Cyndi McDonald are living in Waltham, Mass. While working as a writer for BuyerZone.com, Jeremy is (still!) singing with vocal band Similar Jones. He's happy to hear from friends. He wasn't sure whether or not he could make it to reunion. ✳ **Perky Mackey Hubner** and husband Graham are living in California with daughter Makkela (2). Since they live near Yosemite, she tries to get out rock-climbing and hiking now and then. She's busy at home with Makkela and still teaches kindergarten part time. ✳ Newlyweds Mariko Ishimori and **Nick Testa** are living in Venice, Calif. Nick is working at L.A. County-Univ. of Southern Calif. Hospital and he planned to stay in the L.A. area following his graduation from residency in emergency medicine this July. He'll be teaching in the emergency department at LAC-USC. Nick was looking forward to reunion. We hope many people made it!
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Before we get to the notes, we want to appeal to you all to help us reach our goal of mentioning at least 50 percent of our classmates in our column before our 10th reunion. Given the fact that there are only three issues of *Middlebury Magazine* left before the big weekend, this is a very ambitious goal. However, we feel that the notes are one important way for all of us to communicate and celebrate with one another, and what better time to reconnect with classmates than in anticipation of our 10th reunion? Please help us to feature as many classmates as possible by dropping us a line. We can only reach our goal of making the notes more inclusive with your help. Now, on to the good stuff. ✳ **Nicole Greene** has started her own business, the San Juan Outdoor School, out in Colorado. She teaches everything from climbing, kayaking, and mountaineering, to backcountry skiing. ✳ **Jonny Levy** writes that he recently had a fun dinner with **Pete Dougherty**, **Amanda Dickson**, **Greg Guido**, and **Josh Sobeck** and his wife, Ali. Jonny is an associate with law firm Saiber Schlesinger Satz & Goldstein, LLC. He and wife Jill Nusbaum, who live in West Windsor, N.J. (near Princeton), recently celebrated their one year anniversary. They're doing great and are looking forward to the 10th! ✳ Since leaving Midd, **Erika Schubert Bachiochi** received her master's at Boston College and her J.D. from Boston Univ. She and husband Dan (a software engineer out of Boston) have two girls, Anna (3) and Gabriella (1.5). Erika recently edited a collection of essays entitled, *The Cost of Choice: Women Evaluate the Impact of Abortion.* ✳ **Ian Brodie** got married last July. His wife went to St. Lawrence. The couple lives in northern New Jersey, but spends as much time as possible in Vermont. Ian recently went to a film screening in Manhattan, in which one of **Todd Barnes**' films (*Choked*) was competing. **Sam Martini** was also at the screening. ✳ **Mike Moisio** (mhmjrl@yahoo.com) is reportedly in Boston at graduate school. ✳ **Jen Jay Bass** writes that she's in her second-to-last semester of the master's in public health program at the Univ. of Iowa. She and husband Dan live in Iowa City with daughters Clara (turning 3) and Evelyn (15 mos.). If anyone is traveling I-80, they'd love visitors. Jen would also like to hear from lost friends and is listed in the alumni directory. As for news about other Middlebury classmates, Jen reports that **Stefania Sucharitkul** is married and living in Italy now. She has a daughter who turned one in April. ✳ The January marriage of Rebecca Scattergood and **Christopher Wallace** took place at the Riverton Inn in Connecticut. Rebecca is a professional vocalist and pianist, while Chris is director of business operations and strategy for 24/7 Real Media in NYC. ✳ Laurie and **Dan Mucha** had a baby this winter. Little Sophia was born January 11 in Seattle, and reportedly looks just like her mom! ✳ Aaron and **Steph King Lemke** welcomed third child Brooks Harper Lemke on February 10, 2005. Brooks joins sister Kelsey (5) and brother James (2) at the Lemke home in Cockeysville, Md., outside Baltimore. ✳ **Jethro** and **Molly Bschorr Ferguson** announce the arrival of daughter Kaelin Norris Ferguson into the world on February 12, 2005. The Fergusons live in Berkeley Heights, N.J. ✳ Jay '95 and **Adeeva Wang Fritz** welcomed daughter Ellie Worth Fritz on April 6, 2005. Ellie joins big sister Cara (almost 2). The Fritz family lives in Concord, Mass. ✳ Please continue to send us your news. We love hearing from you!
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Alex Finkelstein has sold a sitcom to Fox-TV. In the *Boston Herald,* he describes it as "like 'Cheers' meets 'Taxi,' a workplace comedy that would include the Bruins, the Celtics, the WWF, the circus, the dog show, the concerts—everything that comes through the FleetCenter." It will feature the arena's bull gang, the people who do all the grunt work for every event at the Fleet. ✳ **Kate Lynch** (klynch@eatonpeabody.com) writes: "Following the completion of my federal clerkship in the fall, I took my first real vacation in about two years. I'm now practicing employment law at a firm in Bangor, Maine, where I recently purchased a house. So visitors en route to Baxter State Park or Bar Harbor (or Bangor!) are welcome!" ✳ **Jason** and **Renee Camfield Shellhaas** report that Jason finished his internal medicine residency at UPenn and is now working on a sports medicine fellowship. Renee is still doing her child neurology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The busy couple welcomed son Peter Glen Shellhaas on June 12, 2004. They got to visit with Pete '98 and Rebecca Philips Emerson '00 last fall as they drove through Philadelphia with daughter Lena. ✳ **Brian** and **Molly Lukins Burke** announce the arrival of their daughter, Bailey Grace Burke, on December 3, 2004. Molly completed her master's in art history in December. Brian was finishing up law school in the spring, with plans to take the bar this summer and start at Shearman & Sterling law firm this fall. ✳ Anthony and **Stephanie Pindyck-Costantino** welcomed son Wyatt Marshall Francis Pindyck-Costantino on March 2, 2005. ✳ As we reported recently **Heidi Hopkins Albritton** was elected (the youngest and first female) county commissioner in Ouray County, Colorado. She's really enjoying her new job and writes that she is certainly putting her degree in theater to good use at all the public meetings! She also writes that she has been married for three years and is managing her family's Biergarten in Ouray. Heidi reports that **Keith** and **Katie Hosford Traverse** recently welcomed their first child, a daughter named Tierney. Heidi also caught up with **Tracy Nolan**, who is in law school at DU. ✳ **Amy Wlodarski** recently accepted a tenure-track position as assistant prof. of music history and conductor of the college choir at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. ✳ **Amy Nichols** recently launched *Amy's Guide to All Things Bride,* a free weekly e-mail newsletter and Web site dedicated to all things bride. Check out her site online at www.amys-guide.com.
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Hello, Class of '98! Hope this finds you in flip-flops and shorts, enjoying your SUMMER! Please send in any fun facts and updates about you or your friends. ✷ Dr. **J. Tanner Blackburn** received his Ph.D. in geotechnical engineering from Northwestern Univ. Tanner and **Jordan Lungstrum Blackburn** are relocating from Chicago to College Station, Texas, where Tanner will teach geotech and general civil engineering courses at Texas A&M. Jordan is leaving her position as director of development for the Chicago Foundation for Education. ✷ **Charles Seilheimer** married Nora Darrell on September 25, 2004, and graduated from UVA's business school in the spring. ✷ **Slavco Andrejevic** completed an MBA program at Harvard. ✷ **Davin Wilfrid** finished a journalism master's program at Boston Univ. and is a writer for the *Eagle Tribune*. ✷ And now for a shout out to Longwell. After playing professional soccer in Vermont and living in San Francisco during those post-grad years, **Chris Clark** has relocated to Southern California, where he works for real estate investment and development company SW Realty Partners. He recently joined **Josh Bonifas**, **Ron Nobile**, and **Mike Nally**, and **Scott Nelson** for Scott's bachelor party in (you guessed it—Vegas, Baby). Scott (who lives in San Francisco and works for an ad agency) married Emily Taylor in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, over Memorial Day weekend. **Josh Bonifas** is livin' the good life in Carmel, Calif., working for his family's estate jewelry store. After graduating from Harvard Business School and taking a job with Merck, **Mike** and Ali Hartz '96 **Nally** moved to Hohokus, N.J. Joining the Nallys in the Jersey suburbs are **Ron Nobile** and his wife, Amy. Ron has been employed with HSBC Securities for seven years. ✷ Congrats to **Andy McPhee**, who was named NESCAC coach of the year for his successful turnaround of the Trinity Bantam women's ice hockey team. Despite coaching the league's only team without an on-campus rink, Coach McPhee turned the Bantams into playoff contenders in the toughest women's conference in the nation. In addition to ice hockey, Andy has been the assistant football coach at Trinity for six seasons, and still enjoys cheese pizza. ✷ When asked for an update, **Jason Boatright** replies: "I'm a lawyer in private practice in Austin, Texas. I planted a bur oak tree in my backyard on Sunday. I'm building a seven-foot clinker pram rowboat out of Texas red cedar. That's about all that's going to be going on between now and dove season." ✷ Living in Vail, **Randi Borgen** is coaching alpine skiing at Ski and Snowboard Club Vail. "I'm in the process of remodeling my home and once done invite all to come play." Last winter she was heading off to Kitzbühel, Austria, to watch her Swedish boyfriend race in the prestigious Hahnenkamm Downhill. ✷ **Wendy Winet** (wendola@web.de) would love to hear from old friends in Berlin, Germany, where she's studying English education and music education. ✷ **Todd Champagne** savored a winter retreat to Snake Mountain and Skyline Lodge in January. Back home near Santa Cruz, he's a salesman for Happy Boy Farms. ✷ Dr. **Tim McMillan** reports that he hasn't fallen off the Earth—he was only stuck in grad school. "I was in UC, Irvine, for a nearly-eternal five years. I completed my physics Ph.D. this winter and then moved to Boston in the spring. (If anyone needs a physicist in Beantown, find me.)" ✷ **Mike Stineman** is the director of business development for Bootsoft, a consulting and technology firm in NYC. ✷ **Nathanial Badder** has moved to NYC, where he's living with **Brandon Doyle** and **Hayden Baker**. He landed a job working for the NBA as the news editor on the sports desk. ✷ Living the good life in her 350-square-foot apartment in NYC, **Jill Patey** works in marketing for Digitas. Weekends she hooks up with **Kirsten Taylor** (who passed the New York bar and is an attorney with Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP) and **Diana Wiss** (who got her MBA at Columbia and is burning up the fixed income derivatives trading desk at Deutsche Bank). ✷ **Rebekah Fletcher** reports that she's in CUNY School of Law with a focus on children's rights, after working for four years in the field. ✷ **Tetyana Bisyk** and David Cloyd were married in a bilingual ceremony at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the East Village on May 22, 2004. Julie Culver '00 was at the wedding. Brooke Capps '97 and **Eric Hodge** couldn't make the wedding, but most certainly attended the bachelorette party! The newlyweds have moved to a brownstone in Brooklyn, right by the park. Tetyana is working for the Grow Network/McGraw Hill, while David is a Web site administrator for Evergreene Painting Studios. ✷ **Mike Taylor**, who lives in South Boston, is a VP with T3 Realty Advisors LLC. ✷ **Kevin** and **Katherine Inglis Joyce**, who both work in downtown Portland, Maine, have moved to Scarborough. Kat continues to practice environmental law. In January, Kat and Kevin visited Boston with son Aidan to celebrate **Abby Manzella**'s birthday, seeing **Joyce Wagner**, **Betsy Goodchild**, **Meg Allen**, and Jeremy Sacco '95. Kat and Kevin were looking forward to a visit from Joyce Wagner and **Lauren Stewart** in their new home. ✷ In March, **Michelle Spina Schmidt** taught her husband how to surf in Costa Rica. In Hanover, N.H., she reports there is "a huge, fun Midd crew up here at Tuck, including **Martha Shay Trail**, **Tim Weld**, and **Shannon Gordon**." ✷ After graduating from RISD, **Cam Brensinger** founded Nemo Equipment, designing and manufacturing products for outdoor adventure and racing. For more on Cam, see page 46.

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A recent excursion in Chicago reunited long lost roommates **John Felton** and **Mike Cormier**, as well as **Adam Burns**, Northwestern business student **Rob Levy**, and **Bill Coddington** and his wife. ✷ **Sara Doniger** reports that life in NYC continues to be busy, though she had occasion to ski at Mount Snow last winter several times. ✷ **Charles Macintosh** is still wearing a suit to work at Lehman in NYC, and is trying to keep in shape. ✷ **Peter Steinberg** is returning to Dartmouth, for the next four years, to finish his residency in urology. ✷ **Greg Parent** continues his marathon commute from Dover, Vt., to Philadelphia, Pa., weekly. ✷ **Chris Lindstrom** is the proud owner of a new puppy. We'll report on his obedience lessons in the fall episode of the magazine. ✷ **Dan Meyer** made it out of the library long enough to start his own fantasy baseball league on Yahoo, but otherwise has been busy learning about the heart and lungs as a second-year med student at Columbia. He'd like to get out more, but was waiting for a less vital organ system to skip a few classes and catch the Yankees at home. ✷ **Joe Kraft** survived yet another Mardi Gras, but was eager to return to the balmy weather in Boston this summer, where he's interning at the Conservation Law Foundation. He's eager to reunite with the Boston alumni he's been missing down on the bayou and is looking forward to riding the T once again, since his bike was recently stolen. He was recently visited by **Lise Falaleev** as she ran a half marathon in New Orleans. ✷ **Jeanne Restivo Jacoby** is getting her master's degree in nursing from Boston College School of Nursing. She was taking her certification exam to become a Family Nurse Practitioner this summer and hopefully find a job near Quechee, Vt., where she and husband Peter Jacoby '01 were moving in May. ✷ **Jon-Erik Borgen** leads a Boston-based folk-groove band called J.E. Borgen. The band recently played on campus and put in an appearance at Nectar's as well. ✷ **Aaron Tyler** continues to enjoy life in Brookline, Mass. ✷ **Kristine Kraushaar**, who has been defending Verizon from polluting the airwaves in Boston, was recently visited by the one and only **Deana Becker**. Deana is still living with her husband in San Francisco and ensuring that imported coffee beans meet her rigorous standards: "I'm working for TransFair USA, the only certifier of Fair Trade products in the U.S. I get to work with international standards and balance the needs of farmers, the environment, and business. In other news, I'm trying to become a surfer and enjoying the plethora of taquerias that San Francisco has to offer. I am still pushing **Ana Cardenas** and others to involve themselves in the westward expansion." Meanwhile, Ana has been working on her photography skills in Puerto Rico. ✷ **Audrey Halsell Ortega** (audlife@comcast.net) reports that she recently relocated near Marina del Rey, Calif., due to her husband's job as a California Highway patrolman. She would love to hear from classmates from Prof. Cavanaugh's frosh seminar. ✷ **Erin Harrington** recently joined the McDowell Group research and consulting team in Juneau, Alaska. She's also working on a master's of science in seafood marketing and economics from the Univ. of Alaska. ✷ In Denver, **David Watts** is in his second year as the executive director of the Call for the Wild Foundation. ✷ **Max Zayas** and **Cristi Lopez** have been seen in Miami and invite all of their friends to come down and hang out on South Beach. ✷ **Christina Norris-Watts** has been named a human resource consultant at Applied Psychological Techniques in Darien, Conn. She was reportedly receiving a doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology from the Univ. of Akron recently. ✷ **Amy Dong** has officially finished her tour with the Peace Corps in Bangladesh and will be back stateside shortly. She thanks all of her friends for their support while she was overseas.

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The *Prague Post Online* informs us that, after setting up the Czech office for executive search firm SpenglerFox in November 2003, country manager **Blake Wittman** is overseeing the firm's expansion to Slovakia. ✷ **Cindy Withington Newman** has been living in Denver, Colo., for the last four years: "I received my master's in ecology from the Univ. of Denver in June 2004 and now work as an environmental scientist for CH2M Hill. I enjoy skiing, rock climbing, biking, and hiking in the mountains. My husband and I just purchased our first home in Morgantown, W.V., where we will be moving in

Upcoming Alumni & Parent Events at Middlebury

August 14-20
Alumni College trip to Montana

August 31-September 4
Alumni College

September 9-10
Gordon C. Perine '49 Golf Tournament

September 16-18
Alumni Leadership Conference
and
Annual Meeting of the Middlebury College Alumni Association

September 30-October 2
Fall Family Weekend I

October 14-16
Homecoming

October 28-30
Fall Family Weekend II

A complete listing of events is available at www.middlebury.edu/alumni/events/

June for his emergency medicine residency program." ✷ **Lissa Duerr** lives in Portland, Maine, where she is studying to be a homebirth midwife. ✷ **Brewster Boyd** recently bought a house in Seattle, where he's working as an environmental policy consultant. "I'm having a great time learning and experiencing the Northwest." ✷ In D.C., **Kate Turner** is working on the Hill and starting grad school in international relations this fall. Kate said she had been busy convincing **Abby Stoller**, **Jim** and **Jess Howe Thomson**, **Katie Lichtenstein**, **Alex Bradley**, **Brian Deese**, **Matt Elder**, and **Jonathan Reiber** to come to Midd for our reunion. ✷ **Kate McCosker Conklin** writes: "After two years of teaching eighth grade English in California, I moved to Tappahannock, Va., with James ("Gus") Conklin, whom I married in September 2003. As Gus was a widower, I adopted his three amazing and adorable kids: Coltrane (8), Chance (6), and Veronica (4). Then, on January 1 of this year, Mary Margaret ("Maggie") was born at five minutes after midnight. We're planning on making the trek up to Midd for reunion. Be on the lookout for our minivan!"
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Anne Elkins was on the team of five law students (American Univ. Washington College of Law) placing first in the nation and third in the world in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition. Anne was graduating from law school May 22. ✷ After completing her M.A. in South Asian history at UC, Berkeley, **Michelle Morton Baird** is teaching ninth- and tenth-grade history at the Head-Royce School in Oakland, Calif. Husband Jared Baird '00 teaches special education at Berkeley High, having completed his M.A. in education from Stanford. ✷ For two years, **Joshua Dorfman** has been living in Kofu City in Yamanashi Prefect, Japan, where he teaches middle school English, studies the Japanese language, and writes poetry. ✷ In fog, rain, and snow, **Andrew Johnson** captured his second national senior men's cross-country ski championship on January 10 in the 30-km pursuit. This followed his 30-km freestyle victory on his birthday, January 3. This is his fourth year on the elite national team (2002 Olympics and two Worlds). ✷ **Greta Simmons** and **Christopher Herbert** were married recently and honeymooned in Hawaii. ✷ The marriage of Jessica White '02 and **Andrew Jones** took place in Wilton, Conn., on October 16, 2004. After a trip through Asia, they're living in Boulder, Colo., where he's a graduate student at the Univ. of Colo. and she will teach middle school English. ✷ **Joshua Broder** reports, "I'm in Bagram, Afghanistan, for the year, running the tactical communications network for the Combined Joint Task Force 76. I saw **Eva Moller** in Denmark, just before leaving home in Germany." ✷ **Jason Ienner** is working for Aware Records in NYC, where he's managing a band from Denver called The Fray. "Look for me traversing the country with the band and come out if they're in your city." ✷ **Johanna Mailloux** will begin her residency in pediatrics this fall at UConn at Connecticut Children's Hospital in Hartford. ✷ **James Tsai**, **Tom Keon**, Neil Onsdorff '03, Nick Prigo '02, Geoff Martin '04, and **Matt** and **Leslie Fox Arnould** got together to play paintball in Boston. They were joined afterwards for dinner by **Corey Wilk**, **Kristen Sylva**, and **Kate Griffiths**. Kristen was recently promoted to marketing manager at SunGard BancWare in Boston, a financial services software company, and Kate completed her master's in child development from Tufts in May and will begin her master's in nursing in September. ✷ **Tom Santoro** lives in Beijing, where he hosts a business news program on China's Central TV station. "The show, called BizChina, airs live four times daily, and allows me to interview a wide range of political and business leaders that come through China." ✷ After four years in the Boston area, **Pete** and Jeanne Restivo '99 **Jacoby** have moved to a townhouse in Quechee, Vt., where they continue to work in the healthcare industry—Jeanne as a nurse practitioner and Pete in healthcare IT. They look forward to having lots of visitors for hiking in the summer, skiing in the winter, and just enjoying the beauty of Vermont anytime. ✷ **Dave Gurtman** and **Kathy Batty** were married on January 2, 2005, in Lenox, Mass. "We took advantage of the New Year's weekend to have a three-day party. About 30 or so Midd grads attended, so it was as much a reunion as a wedding celebration." ✷ This fall, **Jean Burr** and **John Colianni** will be moving to Portland, Maine, where John will begin his medical residency at Maine Medical Center. After completing his residency in family medicine, John's eventual goal is practicing primary care sports medicine. Jean is finishing up her Ph.D. program in developmental psychology over the summer. After several years in Minnesota, they're looking forward to moving back to the East Coast and can't wait to attend homecoming this fall.
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Brett Dorfman has completed three years of teaching and coaching soccer at PS 115 in Washington Heights, NYC. ✷ **Sarah Olinger** has finished her first year at Pace Law School in NYC, with plans to practice environmental law. This summer she's working at the Department of Justice in D.C. for the Environmental Crimes Section, prosecuting those that violate major federal wildlife and pollution statutes. ✷ **Jessica Monroe** finished a master's in science education at NYU last fall and started teaching seventh-grade science at Poly Prep CDS in Brooklyn. ✷ **Alison Hertel** started law school at Fordham last fall. ✷ **Emily Hatch** has accepted a position with LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae as head of event planning. ✷ **Sebbi Astrada** is finishing up his first year at American University Law School. ✷ In D.C., **Brad Holden** is attending Georgetown Law School and **Ellie Toan** is working with public health research. ✷ While living in San Francisco, **Alexandra Fay** is going to Mills College for graduate school in education. ✷ **Josh Richards** was moving to San Francisco for the summer to work at law firm Fenwick & West. ✷ **Eamon Griffin** claims to be "fulfilling my lifelong dream of being a professional poker player. By grinding it out in the Connecticut casinos, I will soon have enough winnings to compete in Vegas against the best in the world!" ✷ **Samantha Dabney** has been "living in Jackson Hole with **Lauren Amen** and **Cally Sprague** and tons of other Midd Kids. Skiing daily before facing the real world!" ✷ After finishing her second year at UNECOM (University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine), **Kimberly Heirigs** began rotations in Watertown, N.Y. ✷ Entrepreneur **Lis Warman** has started a company called Black Pearl Press, a printing-press company that makes fine stationery using Italian paper. ✷ **John Swindall** is in law school in Alabama. ✷ That *was* **Grayson Fertig** you saw in those Lake Placid bobsled photos in the pages of *Sports Illustrated* and *ESPN Magazine*. ✷ **Ashley Elpern** started a master's in education last fall at Simmons and has been student teaching high-school history at Boston Latin. ✷ **Derek Ciccarelli** plans to attend Boston Univ. in the fall for a master's program in sports psychology. ✷ **Joe Golting** recently moved from Hawaii to Colorado. ✷ **Sarah Knoebel** is an elementary music school teacher in Boulder, while **Matt Stedmark** is in medical school at Univ. of Colo. (Denver), and **Dana Gordon** is in a master's program in Spanish lit at Univ. of Colo. ✷ **Justin Knox** is working with traditional healers in Swaziland, where he's trying to support an initiative for them to establish a formal organization and work in cooperation with the Ministry of Health in Swaziland. He's seeking a sponsor to fund a project targeted at gaining a greater understanding of indigenous conceptions of disease in order to develop more effective health care systems in Africa. It would involve sending him and two indigenous traditional healers to University College, London, to attain an M.Sc. in medical anthropology. Justin is trying to get it organized by September. ✷ **Zach Wyman** writes that since completing the Middlebury master's last year, he is living "tranquilly" in his little apartment on Boulevard Raspail in Paris, "totally rive gauche and loving it." He's an academic adviser, teaches TOEFL, and is the master teacher at the Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions office in Paris. ✷ **Suzanne Slarsky** was moving to Aarhus, Denmark, in June. She and husband Martin Rodevad, who were married April 19, 2004, in

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English

Suzanne Smith Baum (M.A. '72) is teaching composition and English as a second language at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, Mass. Her husband is a computer consultant; her son is in college; her daughter is in high school. She recently traveled to Paris, where she studied years ago, and revisited the Sorbonne and the Louvre Museum. ✷ **Monica Weis** SSJ (M.A. '73) has been appointed director of the Master of Liberal Studies Program (MALS) at Nazareth College of Rochester, where she is a prof. of English. ✷ **Wesley McNair** (M.Litt. '75), who recently retired as director of creative writing at the Univ. of Maine at Farmington, served as a Pulitzer juror in poetry for the second time in 2005. This fall he will publish his eighth collection of poetry, *The Ghosts of You and Me*. His new anthology, *Contemporary Maine Fiction*, is also due out this fall. ✷ Since 1977 **Lou Bernieri** (M.A. '80) has been teaching English at Phillips Academy, where students are motivated and highly successful. But in Lawrence, Mass., right next door to the school, he saw that students had none of the advantages of the prep school. So for 20 years, Lou has been teaching half time at Phillips, while devoting the rest of his energy to Lawrence schools. In 1987 he started a professional development program to give Lawrence teachers the same advantages of teachers at the most elite schools in the country. Called Andover Bread Loaf, teachers earn graduate credits through the program, taking writing workshops and learning to teach their students to write. They also work on educational reform projects with teachers from other cities and make representations throughout the country. ✷ **Monica McGoldrick** (M.A. '81) recently joined Celia W. Dunn Realty Company as a sales associate in Georgia and South Carolina. ✷ **Ralph K. Ostrom Jr.** (M.A. '91) attained a Ph.D. in educational administration in 2004. He also reports that he became a grandfather to Baby Jake on September 18, 2004.

French

Mary Virginia Allen (M.A. '38), a resident of the Presbyterian Retirement Home (Summerville, S.C.), was recently visited by one of her former students, Mark Spano (Writers' Conference '76). Mark reports: "She taught me French in high school. Excellent teacher. I can still recite the 23rd Psalm. She is 90-plus and doing all right, although she had a stroke episode a few years ago." ✷ In January, **J. Frederick Rogers** (M.A. '85) joined Thirteen/WNET New York as managing director of foundation and government grants. He formerly served as VP for institutional advancement at Manhattan's General Theological Seminary. Fred and wife Eileen live in Glen Rock, N.J., with children Liam (10) and Mairin (6). ✷ Fr. **Cuthbert Jack**, Order of St. Benedict (M.A. '93), has found his niche in southwestern Pennsylvania where, as a Benedictine, he teaches College French three days a week. As a parish priest, he visits the sick as much as possible and celebrates the Sunday services in a full church. ✷ **Mary Paracka** (M.A. '98) teaches fifth grade French in Northbrook, Ill. Last fall, she achieved National Board certification, the highest credential in the teaching profession.

Italian

CarmenMarie Mangiola Lomaglio (M.A. '99) teaches Italian and Spanish to individuals, small groups, and for the Young Scholars program at the Univ. of Rochester. She is also a real estate agent for clients in the U.S. and Italy.

Japanese

Beth Au ('95, '96) lives in Japan, where she has hosted several Japanese exchange students. She writes: "I loved every minute that I was a student at Middlebury's Japanese School. The instructors were great. The other students were friendly. We were like a family. Every summer I think of my time at Middlebury and wish I could go back."

Spanish

Forty years after receiving her Spanish M.A. in 1964, **Helen Marston** (hlmaim@midcoast.com) attended the Portuguese School in summer 2004! Helen was recently visited in Maine by **Florence Lloyd** ('64), who at 92 years of age is still involved with Spanish. While in Seville last fall, Helen was unable to locate **June Edward** (M.A. '67), but she often hears from **Don Henderson** (M.A. '67), now retired from UPenn. Helen welcomes e-mail or snail mail (P.O. Box 5, Tenants Harbor, ME 04860). ✷ **Rilla Carter Keith** (M.A. '67) has enjoyed using her Spanish: "My husband has led many mission trips to Honduras and I have visited Honduras twice. After graduating from college, daughter Lauren spent a year as a volunteer at an Episcopal home for girls in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. She asked the Bishop of Honduras to perform her wedding ceremony in 2001. Her mother-in-law grew up in Costa Rica, and we had a wonderful time there at one of their family reunions in 2002." Rilla is involved in pet therapy in Montgomery, Ala., and has helped lead a workshop on Pets in Therapeutic Situations at Kanuga, N.C., the national Episcopal Conference Center. ✷ **Bobby "Roberto" Oliver** (M.A. '77) of Hampton, Va., has been named Teacher of the Year by members of the faculty at Grafton High School in the York County School Division, Yorktown, Va. The foreign language department chairman, Bobby teaches Spanish 5/AP prep, French 3, and Latin 1 at Grafton High. ✷ Effective July 1, **Larry Boetsch** (M.A. '74, DML '81) has been appointed the first president of the European College of Liberal Arts in Berlin, Germany. He formerly held a professorship in Romance languages and served as an administrator at Washington and Lee Univ. ✷ **Deborah Isom** (M.A. '85), assistant principal for foreign languages at Long Island City High School, was honored in May by her alma mater, Boston Univ., with an award recognizing alumni for achievements in their field. She reports that she loves to get kids excited about learning a different language: "Just exposing them to French or Spanish is important for a lot of reasons—not the least of which is that they are also learning that we are, basically, all the same."

In Search Of

If you attended the Spanish School between 1937 and 1963, **Roberto Veguez**—Middlebury's William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Spanish—needs your help. Professor Veguez is working on a history of the Spanish School during the Franco era, and he is seeking to interview anyone (faculty, student, or staff) who was involved with the School during this time. He is also collecting memorabilia—menus, songbooks, photos, playbills—which he would like to scan and use in a potential book. Any memorabilia would be returned, of course. You may reach Professor Veguez via e-mail at veguez@middlebury.edu or by phone at 802-443-2274.

Oxford, England, celebrated their marriage with their American family and friends on October 10, 2004, at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Mass. ✷ **Anna Schecter** reports from Israel, where she's studying Hebrew and completing a master's in Chinese studies at the Hebrew Univ. in Jerusalem. She is "looking to move to Tel Aviv next year." ✷ **Leda Smith** has become the first Midd Kid to be awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. Gates Scholars come from all over the world and pursue studies in the arts, science, humanities, social science, technology, and medicine at Cambridge University in England. Leda will study for a master's degree at Cambridge in Quaternary science, the study of the geology of the Quaternary period of Earth's history.

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Lauren Henry has been working in NYC. "This summer, I'm heading back to Middlebury to attend Chinese language school! I'm hoping to find a job in Shanghai and move there fall 2005, so I want to improve my Chinese before then." ✷ **Danielle Perkins** works in marketing in NYC, where she often spends time with **Emily Lord** and **Julie Baroody**. ✷ **Conor Soden** has joined the firm NAI DG Hart as associate in its midtown office. He had been working as a clerk for a trading firm with the New York Mercantile Exchange. ✷ **Meg Bonney** is living out in Jackson, Wyo., with '04s Eric Krieger and Jim Muhlfeld. After coaching skiing for the winter, Meg is gardening for the summer and heading East to coach soccer in the fall. ✷ **Ron Schildge** is spending two years in the Peace Corps in Africa. He's teaching math and English to high school juniors and seniors in Malawi, Southern Africa.

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A recent Manhattan party celebrating 23 years of **Kat Herring** and **Libby Meyers** was a veritable who's who of the class of 2004. Included in the festivities were **Meghan Keenan**, **Courtney Campbell**, **Kim Waldron**, **Jon Sinex**, **Gordie Weightman**, **Megan McElroy**, **Amanda Pullins**, **Martha Goebel**, **Maggie Smith**, **Katy Hall**, **Derek Mahoney**, **Samir Ahmed**, **Damian Chaviano**, **Jake Carney**, **Eric Smith**, **Andrew Helming**, **Kate Finn**, **Tom Molnar**, **Ngetha Waithaka**, **Justin Garrison**, **Ethan Pond**, **Nina Cotton**, **Ben Tobey**, **Raj Mathur**, and **Bob Wainwright**. An exit poll deemed the party "fantastic." ✷ Word has been received of the first rounds of evictions, including **Tom Molnar**, **Derek Mahoney**, and **Samir Ahmed**, formerly of the Post Toscana in

Manhattan. ✷ **Jess Smith** and **Kea Anstey** have moved to NYC. Jess is working at the same PR firm as **Danielle Boniello**. Kea is at Goldman, where she's an active member of the company's squash team. Kea is living with **Aaron Barasch**, who has joined the bastion of young alums working at Cravath. Cravath co-worker **Philippe Danielides** has started a not-for-profit in the city, the Hellenic Professional Association for young Greek professionals. ✷ **Andrew Feinberg** was looking forward to traveling back to Middlebury with his boss, Rudolph Giuliani, who was the Commencement speaker in May. ✷ **Nate McLaughlin**, an official "problem solver" for his company out in Denver, reports seeing **Fred Emich** from time to time. ✷ We've learned that **Brandon Lytle** has moved to Miami, Fla., where he has been seen cruising South Beach. ✷ **Andy O'Reilly** is reportedly a cabana boy at the Four Seasons in L.A., while **Raj Mathur** has already switched jobs and is now happily employed at the IMF in D.C. ✷ Recently returned from his teaching stint in Morocco, **Dave Wisner** is working at CSFB in Manhattan. ✷ In other African affairs, **Alicia Mertz** has returned from Tunisia, having completed her teaching as well. ✷ **Lauren Keene** was heading out for a work abroad program in New Zealand until September 2005. ✷ **Ashley McBride** is a high school science teacher in an urban high school in Louisville, Ky. ✷ After a seven-month stint in Boulder, Colo., **Ali Kraus** was moving to L.A., "where I'll be on the constant lookout for Justin Timberlake." ✷ **Paul Barnwell** is apparently enjoying Kentucky so much that he's looking to stay for another year as a language arts teacher. ✷ **Beth Hatem**, an editorial assistant at Workman Publishing, loves living in Brooklyn. ✷ **Gordie Weightman**, **John West**, and **Mike Murphy** all recently started working for State Street in Boston. ✷ **Dave Nikiel** recently moved to Boston, where he's working for John Hancock. ✷ **Jim Muhlfeld** is doing a stint at a golf course out in Jackson, now that ski season is over, and living with **Erik Krieger**. ✷ Working for a wilderness therapy program for teenagers in the Adirondacks, **Jon Duckworth** is enjoying the peace of the mountains. ✷ Working with A.G. Edwards in Alabama, **Craig Pittman** is missing Middlebury more than ever. "If anyone gets down here anytime, give me a call." ✷ **Emily Peterman**, a graduate student at the Univ. of Calif, Santa Barbara, recently received a 2005 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Award. ✷ **Lauren Throop** won the Nuquist Award for her 2003-2004 senior thesis, "A Multi-Dimensional Analysis of Wind Energy Potential at Middlebury College's Worth Mountain." Shel and Peggy Sax accepted the award for Lauren because she was away for a five-month stint on a UCLA avian research project to the Galapagos Islands. This summer, Lauren is working at the Solar Living Institute in Northern California.

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Let us know where you are and what you're doing. We want to post your news in upcoming columns.

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and learn from them.

It is the intense human interaction that you have experienced here that I believe is the essential component of a liberal arts education. It happens to be strikingly rare among colleges and universities in this country and, in fact, around the world. And that is why you are particularly well prepared to succeed in the world: you have had multiple opportunities to seek out the guidance you needed at each step of your education.

So why am I, as College president, so interested in how students learn and teachers teach? In short, I believe educators, and in particular leaders of institutions like Middlebury, should be concerned that they are preparing their students to meet the complex challenges of our 21st century world. That 21st century world places a premium on individuals who have the skills to learn from people who look different from themselves, worship different gods, and approach conflict and its resolution from varying perspectives.

As a college president, I must be concerned that we are living up to the needs and expectations of our society to develop leaders with the necessary preparation for this challenging world. If institutions like Middlebury do not fulfill such expectations, then which will? If not colleges that invest so heavily in bringing together students from around the world and from different cultures and communities from within this country, then which ones?

The need to educate and prepare citizens who know how to engage and learn from others was brought home most vividly by the events of September 11th, 2001. That day came, of course, only a few days after most of you began your college education here, in the peaceful and bucolic setting of northern New England.

September 11th made many Americans more conscious of the huge changes underway in worldwide processes collectively referred to as globalization. While the United States prospered for the good part of the 1990s, ongoing structural changes in the world economy, along with the increased interaction of global cultures and the threat of conflict they posed, went largely unnoticed by most Americans.

Economic relations between states and groups of states were changing; new modes of communication were making political borders porous and weakening states and governments, while allowing rogue groups and even individuals to compete for political authority; science was moving into new areas that challenged previously accepted legal and ethical conventions; and the very meaning of culture was beginning to change with the dramatic increased ease of movement and interaction among disparate and formerly isolated groups.

In the context of the new consciousness forced upon this country by the tragic events of September 11th, and of the resulting demands that the world places on talented and well-educated young people like yourselves, the ancient wisdom of the *Mishna's* pithy exhortation to "make for yourself a teacher" speaks, now, to at least two critical points.

First, it underscores the premium our world now places on and requires of individuals who can learn from people in all walks of life. Increased interaction among peoples from vastly different backgrounds is no longer a choice; it is now a reality, driven home so forcefully since September 11th. Though the temptation may be to withdraw and resist such interaction, the stakes are too high for us to think and act in terms of a culturally homogeneous future, or a future that places the United States in relation to the world in ways similar to Henry Luce's 20th-century vision of a *Pax Americana*.

And second, it speaks to the indisputable value of a liberal arts education. Such a human-intensive-focused education is the richest possible medium for students to develop and hone their skills at learning how to learn from others.

As I look out upon you today, I ask you to carry the following message with you:

Be conscious of the distinctive character of the education you have received here as you head out into the world.

Be conscious of the deep and growing need our world has for people with your educational experience. Having learned here how to "Make for Yourself a Teacher," you now have a moral obligation to continue doing so for the rest of your lives. The world will become a better place for it.

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25 **Ruth Tuthill Hoffmeister**, 101, of Pompano Beach, Fla., on September 23, 2003. She received a gubernatorial appointment in 1945 when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey named her to the New York Woman's Council. Retiring to Florida in 1960, she became the first resident appointed by Gov. Bob Graham to serve as the resident representative of the state's newly created Continuing Care Advisory Council. She campaigned for changes in Florida Living Will laws and went to court to prevent tube-feeding for husband Edward Hoffmeister, who had suffered from Alzheimer's for 10 years. They had two sons, John and Edward.

29 **Ruth Moore Cann**, 97, of Wilmington, Del., on February 19, 2005. During her years in Daytona Beach, Fla., she was treasurer of the Junior Service League and served as president of a women's golf association and a garden club. Predeceased by husband Donald S. Cann '25 in 1991, she moved to Delaware to be near family. Survivors include daughters Carolyn Matassino and Allison Guy, three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

Margaret B. Denio, 97, of Charlotte, Vt., on May 19, 2005. She retired in 1963 from Bell Telephone Laboratories Libraries in NYC, where she learned Russian to facilitate scanning technical literature. During her early days in New York, she danced with a Greenwich Village company. In 1947 she obtained her pilot's license at the Bristol (Vt.) airport. Retiring to Vermont in 1964, she bought several acres in Charlotte, had a house built to her own design, and remained very active. A sister, Alice Denio Rulison '33, survives her. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Lena Roseman Denio (1896), brother Edward R. DeNoyon '29, sister-in-law Helen Bradley DeNoyon '28, brother-in-law John T. Rulison '33, and cousins Harold D. Leach '10 and James A. Leach '38.

Emeline Freeborn Rollins, 96, of Rutland Town, Vt., on March 7, 2005. With a Middlebury M.S. (1930) and a degree in public health and hygiene (Johns Hopkins, 1934), she worked for the Wayne County Health Department while living in the Detroit area until 1963. Returning to Vermont, she was a pathology lab technician at the Rutland Hospital. She was predeceased by first husband Rudolph Leisar and second husband Clifford Rollins. Her late sister, Harriet Freeborn Martin, graduated from Middlebury in 1930.

31 **Philander Bates**, 96, of West Harwich, Mass., on March 3, 2005. A graduate of Harvard Business School (1933) and a World War II Navy veteran, he was a sales manager for paper manufacturer S.D. Warren Co. in Boston until his retirement in 1973. He studied voice at the New England Conservatory of Music and continued to sing throughout his life. Predeceased by wife Lilias (Cox) in 1998 and by son David E. Bates '58 in 1997, he leaves daughter Anne Bates Linden, stepsons Peter and Jonathan Pierpont, stepdaughter Lilias Benson, 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

32 **Evelyn Clement Green**, 91, of Burlington, Vt., on April 23, 2002. While teaching high school French in New York state, she served as secretary of the French School (1932-1940) and earned her master's in French (1934). In 1958, she returned to teaching for 15 years in a Burlington junior high school, where she wrote many plays and skits for her students, culminating in the publication of a book of puppet plays, *Guignol et Ses Amis* (1966). Predeceased by husband Wallace E. Green '30 in 1997, she leaves daughters Janet and Carol, and two grandchildren.

34 **Alice Parsons Harris**, 92, of New London, N.H., on April 15, 2005. She taught from 1934 to 1939 in the high school at Turners Falls, Mass., and resumed teaching high school Latin and French in 1954 in New London, where she was head of the foreign language department upon her retirement in 1978. Predeceased by husband Harry B. Harris '37 in 1998, she leaves daughter Pamela Holden and son David P. Harris.

Elizabeth Seckerson McKain, 92, of Bridgewater Corners, Vt., on March 5, 2005. She taught English at the Univ. of Conn., where she received a master's in 1956. She was a lifetime member of the Appalachian Club and the Long Trail Association. Predeceased by son Richard, she leaves husband Walter C. McKain, daughters Nancy Jonas and Susan McKain, sons Walter III and Douglas McKain, 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

35 **Francis J. Donahue**, 92, of Richford, Vt., on February 27, 2005. After working in the U.S. Immigration Service as a special investigator at Rouses Point, N.Y., and Montreal, Canada, he entered the insurance business in 1946, retiring in 1983. Predeceased by wife Mary (Kelley) in 2002, he leaves son David and one granddaughter.

Jessie Gibson Prouty, 91, of Yardley, Pa., on April 15, 2005. She taught English and drama at Green Mountain Junior College (Poultney, Vt.) and at high schools in Conway, N.H., and York, Pa., retiring in 1978. Predeceased by husband Robert G. Prouty in 2000, she is survived by daughter Linda Cunningham, son John Prouty, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

37 **William G. Craig**, 90, of La Jolla, Calif., on March 7, 2005. At Middlebury, he was captain of the undefeated 1936 football team and served as assistant director of admissions (1939-1941). After serving in the Navy during World War II, he earned a master's in psychology (Univ. of Minn.) and became dean of students at Washington State Univ. and later Kansas State Univ. He earned a doctorate in education at Harvard (1955) and became a prof. of education and dean of men at Stanford Univ. He directed training for the Peace Corps in the early 1960s, then became deputy to John Gardner and Harold Howe II at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. From 1973 to 1976, he was chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges; he later ran for governor on the Republican ticket, losing in the primaries to Richard Snelling. He retired to La Jolla, but came out of retirement to become chancellor of California Community Colleges (1977-1980). He was then recruited by the Monterey Institute of International Studies, where he served for seven years as president. In 1987 he headed the London campus of USIU, now known as Alliant International Univ. His marriage to Lois Bestor Craig '37 ended in divorce. He leaves wife Lorenza Calvillo-Craig; sons Gregory, James, Thomas '70, and William Craig; stepson Ron Schmidt; and 10 grandchildren.

38 **Florence Hulme Miner**, 89, of Levittown, N.Y., on May 14, 2005. A retired employment counselor, she had been a job developer for the Commission on Human Rights. Predeceased by husband James Miner '38 in December 1997, she leaves son James Jr., daughters Stephanie Koenig and Mary Grace Summergrad, and five grandchildren, including grandson Jesse Koenig '99.

Henry W. Wemple, 93, of Spring Hill, Fla., on July 15, 2004. After working for General Electric for 25 years, he retired in 1974 as manager of a electronic design unit. He was the operator of an amateur radio station and past president of the New York State Archaeology Society. Predeceased by wife Mary (Delong) in 1992, he leaves son David, daughters Nancy Dowling and Patricia Nabringer, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

39 **Joseph M. Trask Jr.**, 86, of Canonsburg, Pa., and Fort Pierce, Fla., on January 28, 2005. During World War II, he was an AAF pilot instructor. His employment in NYC included Appleton & Cox (1941-1966) and Home Insurance Company until his retirement in 1980. He was VP of the Glen and Mt. Washington Stage Company and director of the Gorham Land Company and the Mt. Washington Auto Road. Survivors include wife Anne (Heath), daughters Joanna Harrison and Amanda Bradford, son Joseph M. Trask III, sister Mildred Trask Roesch '37, four stepchildren, eight grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren, and step-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include first wife Margaret Ray Trask '39, sister Kathryn Trask Deedman '29, sister-in-law Marion Ray Reichert '43, brother-in-law Donald F. Deedman '29, and cousin Elizabeth Trask Van Dycke '36.

40 **Geraldine Dansereau Miles**, 87, of Claremont, N.H., on April 25, 2005. She retired in 1978 as a sixth grade teacher in Claremont, where she had also served as music supervisor for several elementary schools. A hospital volunteer, she chaired the Red Cross blood program, worked with school orchestras, and performed on piano and violin. She was predeceased by son Robert (1955), husband Morey C. Miles (1996), and sister Mary Dansereau Howard '36 (2004). Survivors include sons John, James, and Richard Miles; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

41 **Evelyn Robinson Sedgwick**, 85, of Waldoboro, Maine, on March 17, 2005. In addition to being a social worker for Massachusetts General Hospital, she painted in the Pennsylvania German style, selling in gift shops and exhibiting in galleries in New York and Connecticut. She and husband William C. Sedgwick bought, sold, and restored antiques. In 1977, they moved to Maine and opened an antique shop. She also enjoyed landscape photography, dried flower arranging, and American primitive art. Besides her husband, she leaves son John Sedgwick, daughters Martha Sedgwick and Sally Peabody, and three grandchildren.

42 **Conrad Wilson**, 84, of West Dummerston, Vt., on March 19, 2005. After two years at Middlebury, he was a conscientious objector during World War II, then joined the American Field Service and served as a volunteer ambulance driver with the British 8th Army, evacu-

ating wounded from the front lines in Italy and working at Belsen concentration camp in Germany when it was occupied by the British Army. Graduating from the Univ. of Pennsylvania in 1948, he pursued graduate studies in classical archaeology and held a variety of positions. Predeceased by wife Barbara (Copp) in 1995, he leaves sons Christopher and Alexander Wilson and six grandchildren.

43 **Harry Rossi**, 85, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 22, 2005. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Special Intelligence Unit and fought in the invasion of Normandy. Captured in September 1944, he spent eight months as a prisoner of war in a camp near Neubrandenburg, Germany. He graduated from Harvard Business School (1946) and had a career in the insurance industry, retiring in 1986 as chairman and CEO of Union Central Life Insurance Co. He was active in many financial and civic circles. Predeceased by wife Jane (Caswell) in 2001, he leaves son John Rossi, daughters Susan Bryson and Lisa Gorrivan, and seven grandchildren.

44 **Lewis G. Ensinger**, 82, of Litchfield, Conn., on May 26, 2005. He retired in 1988 after 40 years in the commercial banking business in NYC, where he served in executive positions at Chase Manhattan, Marine Midland, United California International Bank, and ABN AMRO Bank North American. He was a director of the National Committee on International Trade Documentation, a member of the New York Clearing House Committee on the Settlement of Foreign Payments, an honorary member of the Association Nationale des Croix de Guerre, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His wife, Alyce Gurzeler Ensinger '46, preceded him in death by one month. Survivors include twin brother Ferd B. Ensinger '44 and daughters Lynne '69, Lori, and Carol.

Robert D. Yale, 81, of Walterboro, S.C., on February 12, 2005. A textile chemist, he retired in 1993 from Oneita Industries in Andrews, S.C. Survivors include wife Marion (Smith); daughters Judith Doilly, Catherine Collins, and Janet Horsley; and 14 grandchildren.

45 **Harold H. Lary**, 82, of Rochester, Vt., on March 27, 2005. With a master's from the Bread Loaf School of English (1954), he taught English and history at the high schools in Randolph (Vt.), North Stratford (N.H.), and Hanover (N.H.), retiring in 1980. He also did graduate work at Columbia, American Univ., the Univ. of N.H., and Dartmouth.

Janus C. Lindner, 84, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 16, 2005. For his service as a bombardier-navigator in the European Theater in the Army Air Corps in World War II, he received the Purple Heart. With his medical degree from Yale (1950), he served in the Army Medical Corps from 1950 to 1951. In Cincinnati, he retired in 1985 as medical director at Ohio National Life Insurance Co. Predeceased by wife Mary (Ray) in 1997, he leaves daughter Penelope, sons Christopher and Robert, and five grandchildren.

Hugh H. Mathews, 83, of Southington, Conn., and Jensen Beach, Fla., on March 29, 2005. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Force as a gunner with the 42nd Bomb Squadron based in the Western Pacific, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired as president of Mathews & Company. Survivors include wife Rachel; daughters Janice Mathews, Marion Patterson, and Carol Johnson; stepchildren Kathleen Esra and Michael Gregoire; and 11 grandchildren.

Elizabeth Casey Wallace, 79, of Seattle, Wash., on February 11, 2005. At *Newsweek* magazine, she worked her way up from researcher to writer in the national affairs section. In New Canaan, Conn., where she lived for more than 50 years, she worked as a realtor. A community leader, she served as chair of various committees. She and husband Ken Wallace retired to Seattle in 2002. In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons Ralph H. Major Jr. and David W. Major, daughters Connie Taylor and Casey Margard, and four grandchildren.

46 **Barbara Townsend Brown**, 80, of Windsor, Vt., on March 18, 2005. Her 10-year career in social work included a job with the Vermont Department of Social Welfare in Middlebury. For 54 years, she served as bookkeeper for the family business, Brown's Sales & Service. She also owned and operated a store and an antiques business. A Girl Scout leader in Windsor, she also coached Little League and served as a justice of the peace. Survivors include husband Kenneth E. Brown, son Kenneth Brown, and two grandchildren.

William M. Edwards, 81, of Bremerton, Wash., on February 24, 2005. An Army veteran, he served as a Congregational and United Church of Christ ordained minister in Vermont, Idaho, Michigan, Illinois, and New York. Preceded in death by wife Edith (Tingler), he leaves son William II, daughters Susan Edwards and Christine Wayman, and two grandchildren.

Alyce Gurzeler Ensinger, 80, of Litchfield, Conn., on April 29, 2005. Married shortly after graduation to Lewis G. Ensinger '44, they were active in Westchester County, N.Y., until retiring to Litchfield in 1988. Preceding her husband in death by one month, she leaves daughters Lynne '69, Lori, and Carol, and brother-in-law Ferd B. Ensinger '44.

Barbara Meyer Rodney, 77, of San Jose, Calif., on January 25, 2003. With an M.A. in the teaching of foreign languages from Teachers College, Columbia Univ., she taught in Connecticut and New York City. She had lived in Texas since 1967, but moved to California in 1994, following the death of husband Francis Rodney. She leaves daughters Deborah and Caroline.

47 **Elizabeth Holmgren Hendrickson**, 79, of Kirkland, Wash., on February 23, 2005. She was a research assistant at Columbia Univ. College of Physicians and Surgeons and at Lederle Laboratories. In New Jersey, she was a teacher and school science coordinator for several years in Pt. Pleasant and in Englewood. Retiring to Washington state, she was active on the Kirkland library board. Her marriage to Edward C. Welles '48 ended in divorce. Predeceased by husband Clinton Hendrickson in 1993, she leaves daughters Virginia Heinsch and Paula Sheehan, and two grandchildren.

48 **William R. Johnson**, 82, of Glastonbury, Conn., on March 17, 2005. A World War II Navy veteran, he had been employed at the former Savings Bank of Manchester for 34 years, retiring as the bank's president in 1988. He received many citations for his dedication and contributions to community organizations and causes. He is survived by wife Jean (Cary), sons William Jr. and Cary, daughter Sandra Kowalsky, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Jane Anne Saurman Myers, 77, of West Harwich, Mass., on March 18, 2005. She was a medical secretary for physicians in Buffalo, N.Y., and on Cape Cod. With husband William W. Myers, she owned and operated Tern Inn Bed and Breakfast in West Harwich from 1981 until 1992. She was past president of the Harwich Garden Club and a board member of the Harwich Ecumenical Council for the Homeless, among many other community activities. Surviving besides her husband are daughter Mary Jane Davidson; sons James, Philip, Scott, and Steven Myers; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

49 **Rebecca Belisle Baute**, 77, of Houston, Texas (formerly of Keene, N.H.), on February 25, 2005. She was a clinical hospital dietitian for 20 years, earning her master's and dietetic registration at Keene State College. She retired from Cheshire Hospital in 1991. Survivors include daughters Susan Stewart, Alison Pierce, and Sarah Baute; son J. Andrew Baute; and six grandchildren.

Lawrence M. Smith, 79, of Pittsford, Vt., on March 11, 2005. Entering Middlebury with the first Naval V-12 Unit, he returned to graduate after Columbia Midshipmen's School and 10 months on the battleship *Washington*. For 20 years he taught at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., before leaving to run Camp Sangamon, a boys' camp he inherited in Pittsford. He also served the town of Pittsford in many capacities. Survivors include brother David K. Smith '42, sister Jean Smith Davies '49, and several nieces and nephews (including David K. Smith Jr. '68). He was predeceased by brother James C. Smith II '40.

52 **Jonna Mauritzen Durden**, 74, of Mexico Beach, Fla., on March 18, 2005. A special education teacher with the Broward County School Board for 20 years, she retired in 1995. Preceded in death by husband Leon Y. Durden, she leaves son Kai Peter Ford, daughters Marjorie Ford and Cynthia Portnoy, and two grandchildren. Her late mother, Miriam Cutler Mauritzen, graduated from Middlebury in 1917.

Roger H. Handy, 76, of Yarmouthport, Mass., on May 4, 2005. A Navy veteran, he worked for Digital Equipment Corp. in various capacities and started his own environmental business. Survivors include wife Leone (Bailey), daughter Lisa, son Mark, and two grandchildren.

Rosalind McPeake Little, 73, of Fairfax, Va., on October 22, 2004. In August 1952, she married James G. Little, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Predeceased by her husband in February 2004, she leaves sons Lawrence '75, Gregory '76, Glenn, and Patrick. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, including Sarah Little '06.

54 **James W. Casey**, 74, of North Adams, Mass., on March 19, 2005. He was associated with Gallup & Casey Insurance Services, retir-

IN MEMORIAM

Mel Gussow '55

DECEMBER 19, 1933–APRIL 29, 2005

AN AMERICAN LITERATURE MAJOR, Mel Gussow's penchant for reading, writing, and reviewing was already much in evidence as a Middlebury undergraduate. He served as editor of the *Campus* newspaper and he wrote and acted in a number of variety shows.

After earning a master's from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism in 1956, he spent two years in the Army, most of the time as the editor of an Army newspaper in Heidelberg, Germany. After his discharge, he joined *Newsweek* magazine, where he reviewed plays and movies and wrote articles about people in the arts. His first cover story was a rave review of the Broadway opening of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in which he rightly concluded that the play would be "igniting Broadway for some time to come."

His friendship with Edward Albee began during that time period and culminated in his 1999 biography *Edward Albee: A Singular Journey*. He wrote cover stories on Albee, Mike Nichols, Leslie Uggams, and James Earl Jones. His biography of film mogul Darryl F. Zanuck, *Don't Say Yes Until I Finish Talking,* was published in 1971.

In 1969 he switched to the *New York Times,* where it was his particular pleasure to discover new talent off- and off-off-Broadway. Eventually he broadened his field to include literary and other arts, becoming a cultural writer. In December 1978, he won the George Jean Nathan Award for Dramatic Criticism, the first time in that award's history that it went to a working member of the *Times*. The award cited one essay in particular ("A Rich Crop of Writing Talent Brings New Life to the American Theater") and "the best daily reporting of drama, both modern and classical, in New York and out of town." He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1979 for a book in progress, a history of the New York Shakespeare Festival. For five years he was adjunct assistant professor of Cinema Studies at New York University's School of Continuing Education.

During his 35 years at the *Times*, he wrote more than 4,000 reviews and articles. He also published articles in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Esquire*, *McCall's*, *Ladies Home Journal*, and other magazines. A series of profiles about Athol Fugard, Mac Wellman, and Bill Irwin, among others, was followed by books about Harold Pinter, Tom Stoppard, Samuel Beckett, Arthur Miller, and, finally, Michael Gambon (*Michael Gambon: A Life in Acting*, 2004).

The recipient of a Middlebury Alumni Achievement Award in 1983, he served as a charter member of Middlebury's Arts Council and celebrated Middlebury's Bicentennial at the U.S. Embassy in Paris in 2000. His survivors include wife Ann, son Ethan, and brother Paul Gussow. He was predeceased by brother Alan Gussow '52 in 1997.

ing in 1994. He also held several real estate partnerships and was co-owner of the Travel Store in Williamstown. He leaves wife Nancy (Payne), sons David and Christopher Casey, daughters Jane Qua and Pamela Wohl, and nine grandchildren.

Robert R. Ringer, 72, of Montpelier, Vt., on April 7, 2005. With an M.A. from the Bread Loaf School of English (1968), he was a high school and college teacher of English and drama for 30 years. An actor, director, and playwright, he founded the Vermont Repertory Theatre. The Burlington City Arts Council gave him a Bessie Award in 2002 for his outstanding work in theater. Survivors include wife Heidi, daughters Samantha Ringer and Jennifer Hanson, son Robert R. Ringer III, and six grandchildren.

58 **Judith Johnson Jones**, 68, of Bernardsville, N.J., on March 27, 2005. A student of her family's genealogical records, she collected early American furniture. A board member of a hospital association, her volunteer work included displaying hallway art exhibits at Morristown Memorial Hospital for many years. She was a life member of the Audubon Society, excelled in several sports, and played in the New Jersey Women's Interclub Tennis and Paddle Tennis matches. Survivors include husband Harry T. Jones III and son Harry T. Jones IV.

63 **Rodney W. Roach**, 63, of Plymouth, Mass., on February 23, 2005. While working as an insurance claims adjuster for 40 years, he was also a self-taught bluegrass musician performing with bands that made southern Appalachian music popular in New England. In 1971 and 1972, he was named New England 5-string Banjo Champion. He wrote numerous songs, made soundtracks for movies, and taught banjo workshops. He continued to play with the band Back Eddy Bluegrass after his March 2004 diagnosis of brain cancer. While a student at Middlebury, he founded the Otter Creek Ramblers, one of the earliest bluegrass bands in New England. Survivors include wife Ann (Sagar), son Rod Marsden, and two grandchildren.

67 **William A. Swift**, of Burlington, Vt., on May 5, 2005. He worked in hospital administration at Tufts Medical Center, returning to Vermont in 1997 to help care for his parents. He recently obtained his master gardener certificate from UVM Extension Service and was particularly knowledgeable about roses. Survivors include partner John Bennett and siblings Laurel Swift, James Swift, and Jessica Betz.

71 **Margaret M. Stockdell**, 56, of Austin, Texas, on May 17, 2005. She began her career as an editor for the GAO in Washington, D.C., then moved to NYC to work for MacMillan Publishers. At the time of her death, she was a school book production manager with Holt, Rinehart and Winston in Austin. Survivors include parents Robert and Lucy Stockdell and twin sister Anna DeVoe Welch.

78 **Anne E. Reding**, 48, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., on May 14, 2005. With a master's from SUNY-Albany, she taught French at Saranac Lake High School and Peru High School. She was most recently employed by American Management Association in Saranac Lake. She leaves partner Mark Coleman; mother Lorna Reding; brothers Andrew '75, Paul, and Phil '82; and several nieces and nephews.

Faculty

Harry H. Hubbell Jr., 90, of Littleton, Colo., on September 10, 2004. He taught physics at Middlebury from 1947 to 1950. A resident of Oak Ridge, Tenn., for 49 years, he retired in 1973 from the health physics division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, but continued as a consultant for 15 more years.

Mary Elizabeth Lick, 79, professor emerita of physical education, on April 1, 2005, at Birchwood Terrace Health Care in Burlington. With a master's in physical education from Smith College (1951), she taught at Ohio Wesleyan University and Mount Holyoke College. She joined the Middlebury faculty in 1956. She retired in 1987 as professor of physical education. Survivors include three nieces and one nephew.

Maureen Cavanaugh, 50, of Midland, Va., on April 18, 2005. She was an assistant prof. in Middlebury's department of classics from 1980 to

IN MEMORIAM

Walter E. Brooker '37

DECEMBER 2, 1916–MARCH 30, 2005

FROM THE TIME WE FIRST MET AS FRESHMEN, Walter Brooker and I became close friends, rooming together in our senior year and staying in touch from then on. Walt was my main link with the College during his 25 years as its vice president for development and his 24 years in retirement. In 1963 I moved from a public relations career into one that also involved college development, an unfamiliar field for me. My first action was to call Walt and yell, "Help!" He responded with his familiar booming laugh and an invitation to come to Vermont, where he shared with me some of his own formula for success. Over the years, whenever I referred a young person to him for career advice, he was always gracious and helpful. A few years ago, when I was recruited to join Barbara Gregory Hopkins as our class co-secretary, I agreed only if Walt could be our "on-site correspondent," an assignment he handled with his usual enthusiasm and good humor.

As undergraduates we knew Walt as our class secretary, a four-year track and cross-country runner, and a Junior Week and Winter Carnival committee member. A scholar and an athlete, he compiled an outstanding undergraduate record. During World War II Walt served as a Naval officer in combat in the Pacific. He then spent 10 years in advertising and marketing in Boston, but he interrupted a promising career to accept Middlebury President Sam Stratton's invitation to re-establish the College's development department. He said he would "try it for a while," and 49 years later was still a contributing member of the community—and one of the College's most ardent hockey fans.

His role in raising the millions of dollars that helped Middlebury to grow, and its students to finance their education, is well known to many of us. Not so well known is his long and dedicated service to his hometown, including his church, Porter Hospital, the Sheldon Museum, United Way, and Elderly Services. During all his years at the College and while retired, he kept our class agents informed and motivated, inspired classmates to support the College's giving programs, and acted as a cheerleader for attendance at our reunions. To most of the class Walt Brooker was our own "Mr. Middlebury."

As President Liebowitz stated in his announcement to the community, "Few individuals in the history of the College have demonstrated the degree of affection, loyalty, and service to Middlebury that Walter Brooker demonstrated on a daily basis for many, many years. His service to the College was nothing less than extraordinary. He will be remembered fondly by many generations of the Middlebury College community."

He will be greatly missed by his wide circle of friends and associates. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Barbara-Ann Carrick Brooker '40, their twin sons, daughters-in-law, four grandchildren (including William S. Brooker '88), three great-grandchildren, and Walt's brother.

—Marshall Sewell '37

1982. She then taught at Pomona College before her interests turned to law. Earning a J.D. at the Univ. of Minnesota, she became manager in the national tax practice at Coopers Lybrand. Returning to academia in 1998, she joined the faculty of Washington and Lee Univ., leaving last year for a position at the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State. She was diagnosed with a rare degenerative brain disease in fall 2004.

Staff

Cheryl Harrington, 45, of East Middlebury, Vt., on April 4, 2005. A College employee since 1998, she was an energetic member of the staff and became servery supervisor at Proctor Dining. She was instrumental in the redesign of Proctor in fall 2004. She leaves husband Chuck Harrington, a cook at Proctor, and son Justin, a cook at Atwater.

Language Schools

28 **Alice Herendeen Clark**, M.A. French, of Pearl City, Ill., in December 2001.

34 **Gertrude Brenner Clement**, 98, M.A. French, of Whiting, N.J., on April 18, 2005.

51 **Nancy Sinclair Smith**, 83, M.A. French, of Fanwood, N.J., on April 16, 2005. A high school French teacher, she retired in 1983.

56 **Agnes Gross Howard**, 88, DML French, of Amherst, Mass., on February 6, 2005. An authority on French dramatist Jean Giraudoux, she retired from UMass in 1983 as a full professor.

Eleonora Korzeniowska, 78, M.A. Russian, of Buffalo, N.Y., on March 14, 2005. An expert on Slavic subjects, she taught Polish and Russian at the Univ. of Buffalo and Buffalo State College.

64 **Robert E. Lenzner**, 79, M.A. Spanish, of Wilmington, N.C., on March 4, 2005. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he served in Germany, Korea, Spain, and Vietnam. His last assignment was prof. of military science at North Carolina State Univ.

69 **Karen Dahlberg Russell**, 60, M.A. Spanish, of Ridgefield, Conn., on April 5, 2005. A secondary school Spanish teacher in the Bronx for 10 years, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1990.

70 **Roberta Wawro Bataillon**, 65, M.A. French, of Caen, France, on May 16, 2005. She was a professional translator, doing work as a simultaneous translator in the courts.

Sandra DeLong Wynkoop, 57, M.A. Spanish, of Columbus, Ohio, on April 9, 2005.

71 **Nancy Durkin Orazem**, 57, M.A. French, of Edgartown, Mass., on March 30, 2005. She taught French and German at Thetford Academy and at public schools in Needham and Martha's Vineyard.

78 **J. Kevin Fox**, 55, M.Litt., of Hot Springs, Va., on April 18, 2005. From 1990 until 2004, he served as headmaster of Stuart Hall School (Staunton, Va.), where he was also chaplain and teacher of philosophy, religion, Latin, German, English, and history. He was also the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs.

94 **Leslie A. Shaw**, 57, M.A. English, of Oro Grande, Calif. She was a reading specialist for grades nine through twelve.

96 **Linda K. Connor**, 59, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, of Berlin, Md., on December 5, 2004. She was a captain and a certified flight nurse while serving in the Air Force (1972–1976). In Maryland, she served as an emergency room nurse and as a nurse for general practice physicians.

03 **Janet Field-Pickering**, 51, M.A. English, of Silver Spring, Md., on March 21, 2005. A teacher of English and drama and the drama director at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School, she also performed in the Summer Theatre at Gettysburg College. Since 1995, she had served as the head of education at the Folger Shakespeare Library, bringing performance into the classroom as a vital means of teaching Shakespeare. In 1992, she was enlisted to bring her excellent work to teachers at Bread Loaf, coming as a member of an NEH Summer Institute on Dramaturgy.

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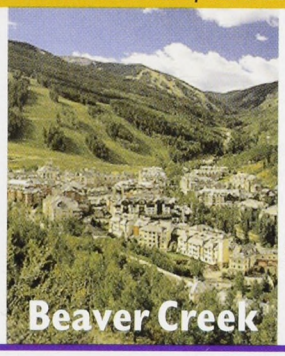

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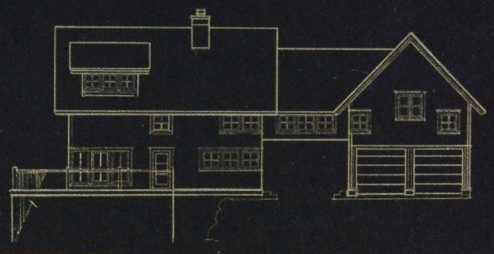

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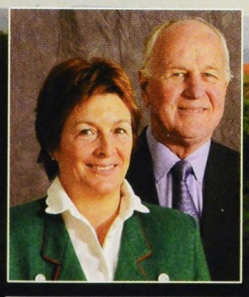

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King of the Hill

A Rhode Islander summits his state's tallest point.

By Peter Mandel '79

I'VE GOT BIG NEWS for all you serious outdoor types: Despite what you may have heard, Maine's Mt. Katahdin isn't New England's most challenging climbing adventure. Neither are Washington or Mansfield.

No, if you want a true climbing adventure, you need to head to Jerimoth Hill in Rhode Island, the pride of the Foster township near the Connecticut border. With an elevation topping off at 812 feet, Jerimoth may seem like, well, a walk in the park, but if you try to tackle it, you'll discover that while endurance may not be an issue, ingenuity certainly is.

You see, Jerimoth is a privately owned hill. Brown University has the deed to the very top, while the land around it—and access from nearby Route 101—is controlled by a local family that, to put it mildly, keeps its eye out for trespassers. A national climbing outfit has negotiated five, annual, open-access dates with the owners, but that still leaves 360 days of the year when the state's peak is off-limits. So what is a guy to do when he lives in Rhode Island and is in a climbing mood?

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IT'S EARLY SUMMER, and I'm determined to ascend my home state's highest peak. The next open date is more than a month away, and that just won't do. I've considered bushwhacking up there in the dark, but I've been warned that the landowners have motion detectors in place along the trail. And guns. So I load up my car for a daytime excursion, thinking that once I'm there surely I can reason with the powers that be to allow me passage to the top.

I swing onto 101 west, the truck route to Hartford, and almost immediately have to fight with tractor-trailers and a Ben and Jerry's ice cream van that thinks it owns the road. This is an area of wooded hills, not mountains, and one mound looks pretty much as modest as the next. In fact, Rhode Islanders will tell you, tongue in cheek, that the Johnston landfill beats out any hill in the state when it comes to height, and while I don't get a glimpse of this man-made pile as I motor into Johnston, the air is pungent, reeking of refuse.

I nearly miss the sign announcing "Rhode Island's Highest Point," and have to slam on the brakes before pulling off by the side of the road. There isn't much of a view from here, but I do find some pinecones, an abandoned tar-paper cabin, and an FCC radio tower. I then spy two signs. The first reads: "NO TRESPASSING. There is no public access to the Highpoint. This area is privately owned. We Will Prosecute Violators."

The second: "Jerimoth Hill: Elevation 812. Highpoint of Rhode Island." The fine print then catches my eye: "*Jerimoth Hill is heavily wooded, has no views at all, and is only about five feet higher than the highway.*"

My thoughts are racing, as I return to my car and pop the latch to check the circumference of my trunk. Unless I have misunderstood, a few loads of loam stand between me and my quest to ascend Rhode Island's highest point.

I know what I must do. If I can't get to the peak, I will create a new one. On public land. Right by the side of the road. I will go and get my work gloves and a wheelbarrow. I will be a hero. Mt. Mandel, they will call it.

It may be a smelly operation. This, I know. And it may take two or three trunk loads, or even more.

But it is early in the day.

And the Johnston landfill is not far.

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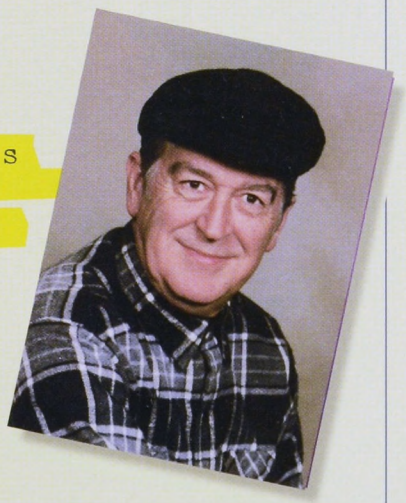
Began working at age 12, continued through high school. Graduated as valedictorian but due to the lasting effects of the Depression and parental divorce there was no prospect for college.
Enter Steve Doody, high school principal and Middlebury alum, knowledgeable about things like Scholarships, and - voila - I entered Middlebury. And continued working, while studying. Served 3 meals a day as waiter in Gifford, and met lasting friends like Gordie Perine, Jacob Samenfink, Ken Simendinger, Walter Stoloff and a succession of chefs.
Interrupted as I enlisted in the Air Force during World War 2. Continued working there in meteorology while seeing duty in Miami Beach, Azores, Casablanca, Algiers, Cairo, Abadan (Iran), Bombay, Agra (Taj Mahal by moonlight), Calcutta, Hanoi, Saigon, Shanghai and San Francisco. All the while muttering "this doesn't look like New Hampshire, Toto".
After the Service duty, returned to Middlebury and graduated cum laude. Then on to New York's Art Students League to study portrait painting. Next came various long stints in Banking, National Park Service and Municipal City Hall.
After retirement my hobbies included raising Doberman Pinscher show dogs and Morgan horses.



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